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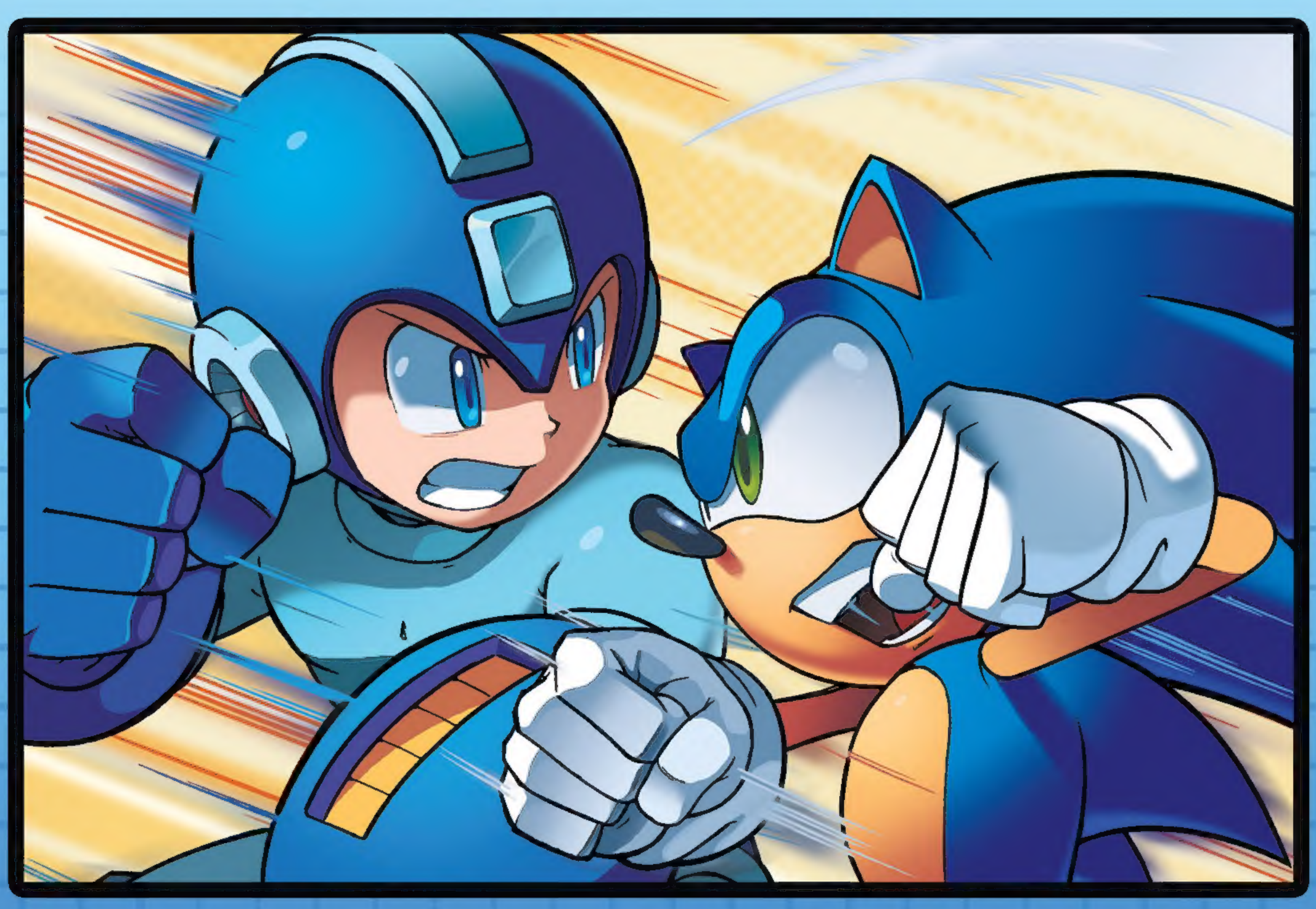

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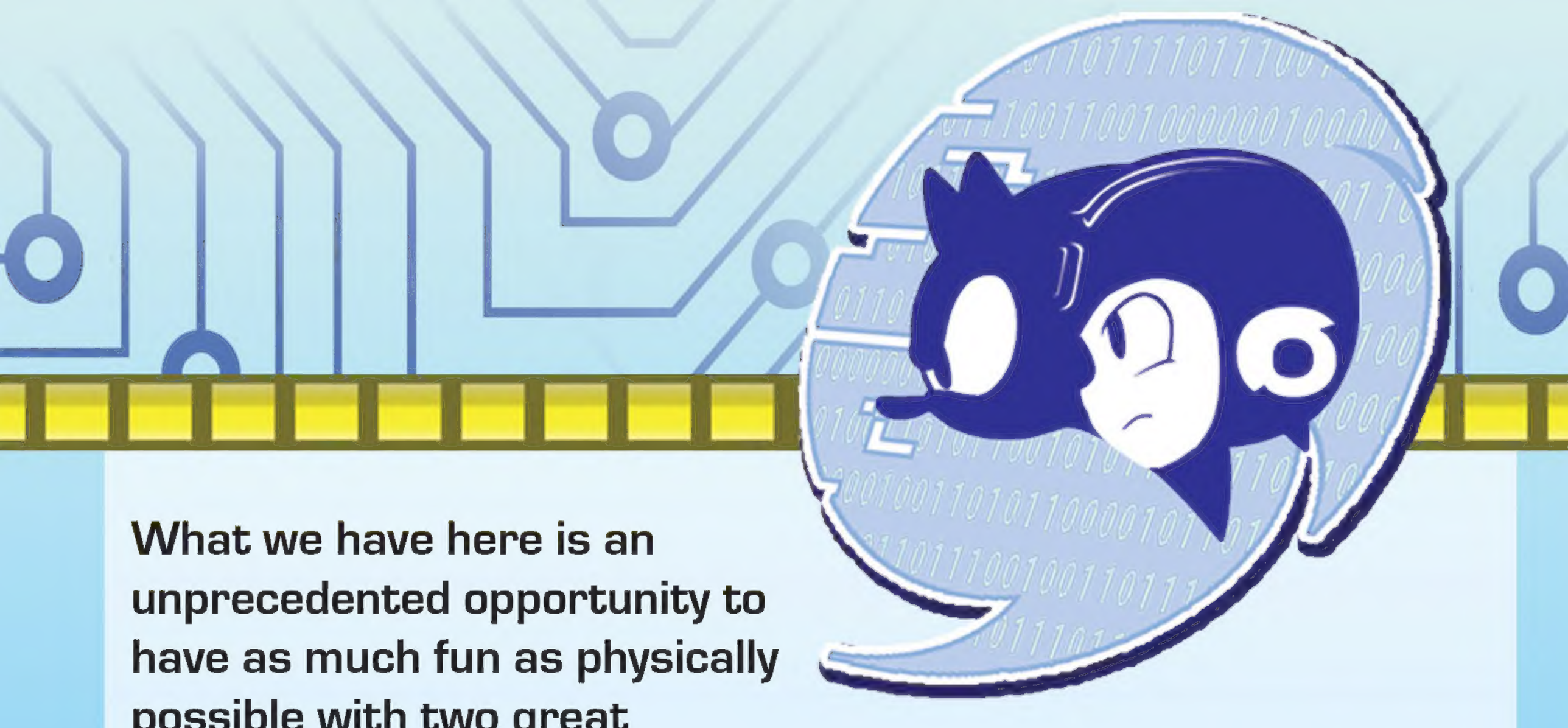
INTRODUCTION
BY IAN FLYNN

Let me tell you a little story. It's about me, a little blue hedgehog and a famous blue bomber. While I was pursuing my college degree, I applied to write for Sonic the Hedgehog. It was a comic I grew up reading, and I wanted to be a part of it. Just before I graduated, I was accepted as the new head writer. "Awesome," I thought. "I've achieved my dream already."

Five years later, and many Sonic stories under my belt, I was told we would be getting a chance to do a Mega Man™ comic. I was going to be the lead writer for that, too. "I get to write the comics for two of videogames' most enduring icons? Awesome!" I thought. "Now I've surpassed my dreams."

And in the back of my mind, a small, eager part of me hoped for more. I was writing Sonic the Hedgehog and now Mega Man™. Two brands under one publishing label. What if – what if – we could manage a crossover between the Blue Blur and the Blue Bomber? Not only would I get to write about two characters I'd always loved, but write about them together! But I knew that was impossible. Too much red tape, too much legal mumbo-jumbo, yadda yadda yadda.

Then one day, I was told Capcom – the owners of Mega Man™ – wanted to make the crossover happen. SEGA – the owners of Sonic the Hedgehog – thought that was a great idea. What happened to the red tape? What happened to the mumbo-jumbo? I didn't care – the crossover was happening, and I got to be a part of it. "Awesome," I thought, "The universe is just going to keep handing me cool things!"



What we have here is an unprecedented opportunity to have as much fun as physically possible with two great franchises. When I wrote this event, I wanted there to be at least one moment for every fan to cheer, to boo, to laugh and to gasp. I wanted each Sonic-fan and each Mega-fan to have a moment that they could point to and declare: "my favorite is the best, see?" And I wanted those fans, at the end of it all, to say to each other: "your favorite is pretty cool, too."

I set out to tell a story that makes you as excited and happy to be a part of it all as I am, if not more-so. I hope you have a blast.

Let's get them worlds a-collidin'

IAN FLYNN

CHAPTER 1

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG vs. MEGA MAN

PART ONE

PREVIOUSLY...

Dr. Light had a dream of a utopian future where man and machine worked side-by-side. To that end he created his robot children, Rock and Roll, as well as the first Robot Masters. But the nefarious Dr. Wily turned the Robot Masters into weapons and tried to take over the world. Rock had himself transformed into Mega Man so that he could combat his robot brothers, stop Dr. Wily, and protect the innocent!

On a completely different world, Sonic the Hedgehog protects his home planet from the evil Dr. Eggman. Dr. Eggman once used the power of the Chaos Emerald to create the "Genesis Wave" and rewrite all of reality. Sonic undid the damage, returning his world to normal, though the Chaos Emerald that fueled the event went missing.

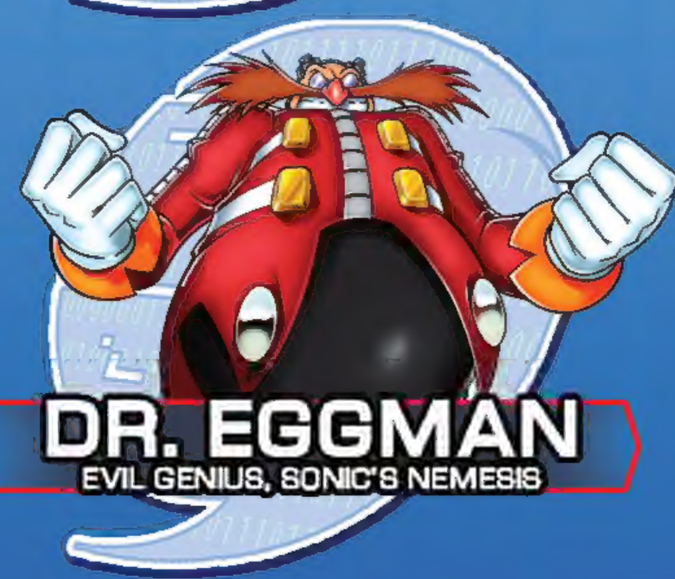
And this is where our story begins...

WHO'S WHO?

MEGA MAN
HERO OF LIGHT LABS

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
SUPER SPEEDY HERO

DR. WILY
EVIL GENIUS, MEGA MAN'S NEMESIS



DR. EGGMAN
EVIL GENIUS, SONIC'S NEMESIS

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG SUPER SPEEDY HERO
NOT BAD. SEEN BETTER, BUT NOT BAD.
I'M STILL FASTER!
AHHH!

THIS GUY CAN TAKE A HIT!
ARE YOU RECEIVING THIS, MASTERS?
EVERY GLORIOUS SECOND, TAILS MAN...
...AND WE ARE LOVING IT!
MEGA BUSTER
SUPER AGILITY
TRANSMITTING...
THAT'S IT, HEDGEHOG! TURN HIM TO SCRAP!
GO, MEGA MAN, GO! EXTERMINATE THE RODENT!

CONGRATULATIONS ON A PLAN COMING TOGETHER SO WELL, DOCTOR!
DR. EGGMAN
EVIL GENIUS

IT'S ALL FALLING INTO PLACE BETTER THAN I DARED DREAM, DOCTOR!
DR. WILY
EVIL GENIUS

HERE'S TO OUR MINION'S MISSION BEING NEARLY COMPLETE!
CHAOS EMERALDS ACQUIRED
HERE-HERE!
QUITE SO! HERE'S TO OUR GLORIOUS BATTLE STATION!
HERE-HERE!
HERE'S TO THE BEST PARTNER-SHIP WE NEVER SAW COMING...
...AND TO THE MUTUAL DESTRUCTION OF OUR NEMESES!
KLINK
CHEERS!

DOCTOR WILY'S SECRET BASE, MEGA MAN'S WORLD...
WEEKS AGO...
DON'T TALK BACK TO ME, RA MOON! I SAID I WANTED A MET WITH A RICE-COOKER FUNCTION, SO MAKE IT HAPPEN!
DOCTOR WILY! I FOUND SOMETHING IN THE JUNGLE WHILE ON PATROL.
SWEET MOTHER OF EDISON! LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THAT SAPPHIRE!
SUCH POWER ...ALLOW ME TO PROCESS IT FOR YOU.
FORGET IT. WORK ON THAT RICE COOKER, AND WE'LL TALK!
ER... A SPECTRAL ANALYSIS SHOWS THAT IT'S BERYL, SIR.
FINE, SO IT'S AN AQUAMARINE OR WHAT-EVER. I'M NO GEOLOGIST.
RA MOON SAID IT POSSESSED SOME SORT OF POWER. LET'S SEE JUST WHAT THIS IS. A NEW ENERGY ELEMENT, PERHAPS? OR MAYBE A--
YOW!

MEANWHILE...

DOCTOR EGG-MAN'S BASE OF OPERATIONS-- SONIC'S WORLD...

ORBOT! CUBOT! SEND OUT A GENERAL HOLO-GRAPHIC SIGNAL TO MY FORCES THROUGHOUT THE EMPIRE!

COMIN' RIGHT UP, BOSS!

AM I ON?

AAAAAND ...ACTION!

YOU INCOMPETENT INGRATES! I GAVE MY EMPIRE TWO SIMPLE OBJECTIVES, AND YOU'VE FAILED BOTH!

ONE--CONQUER EACH REGION OF THIS PLANET FOR ME SO I HAVE COMPLETE CON-TROL OF THE WORLD!

AND *TWO*-- FIND ME THAT BLASTED MISSING--

--CHAOS EMERALD ...?

WHO ARE YOU ...AND HOW DARE YOU PIRATE MY SIGNAL?! I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO GETS TO PIRATE SIGNALS!

WHO AM I?! I'M DR. ALBERT W. WILY--THE GREATEST ROBOTICS GENIUS ON EARTH!

BAH! I'M THE GREATEST ROBOTICS GENIUS...ON EARTH, YOU SAY?...TELL ME, DOCTOR, WHAT YEAR IS IT THERE?

20XX, WHY?
!!!!!INTERESTING! PLEASE EXCUSE MY EARLIER OUT-BURST, DOCTOR.

MY NAME IS DR. EGGMAN, AND I AM THE GREATEST ROBOTICS GENIUS ON MY WORLD.
YOUR WORLD? YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE A SPACE ALIEN. (NOT HOW I'D PICTURE ONE, ANYWAY...)

HAHAHA! NO, THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME DEALING WITH ALTERNATE REALITIES, ISN'T IT? ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN.

THERE ARE INFINITE VARIATIONS OF OUR WORLDS. SOME ARE VERY SIMILAR, WHILE OTHERS ARE VASTLY DIFFERENT. ENTIRE UNIVERSES EXISTING SEPARATE FROM ONE ANOTHER!
SO WE'RE FROM PARALLEL UNIVERSES? FASCINATING...

I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT BRINGING ORDER AND A BETTER WAY OF THINKING TO THE WORLD WITH YOUR MACHINES, DOCTOR?

QUITE! WE NEED TO MEET, AND I HAVE AN IDEA AS TO HOW...

OH, I DO! AND I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU HAVE SOME YOUNG UPSTART WHO GETS IN YOUR WAY AND RUINS EVERYTHING, DO YOU, DOCTOR?
YOU CAN'T BEGIN TO IMAGINE!...OR PERHAPS YOU CAN!

LATER--SOMEWHERE ELSE ENTIRELY...

DOCTOR WILY, I PRESUME?

A PLEASURE, DR. EGGMAN! YOUR THEORIES WERE BRILLIANT! IMAGINE--CRAFTING AN ENTIRE DIMENSION THROUGH THE USE OF CHAOS ENERGY! WHAT DID YOU CALL IT? A *ZONE?*

INDEED! YOU MANIPULATED THE CHAOS EMERALD EXPERTLY! ARE YOU SURE YOU HAVEN'T DONE THIS BEFORE?

HAHA, OH, STOP!

AH, IT'S THRILLING TO SET FOOT HERE IN THIS NEW "SKULL SECRET ZONE."

HEH HEH, INDEED! EXCEPT IT'S THE "EGG POCKET ZONE."

NO...SKULL SECRET ZONE.

EGG POCKET ZONE.

SKULL. SECRET.

EGG. POCKET.

SKULL! SECRET!

EGG! POCKET!

SKULL--

EGG--

SKULL EGG ZONE!

"THE BEAUTY OF THIS ZONE ISN'T JUST THAT IT'S HIDDEN FROM PRYING EYES.

"IT'S THAT IT BENDS THE RULES OF TIME AND SPACE! HOURS HERE ARE BARELY SECONDS IN OUR HOME DIMENSIONS!!!"

"BY COMBINING THE RESOURCES OF YOUR EMPIRE, THIS ZONE, AND THE POWER OF MY RA MOON... *

"...WE WILL BE ABLE TO CREATE THE ULTIMATE WEAPON WITHOUT FEAR OF LIMITATION OR INTERFERENCE!!!"

*DOCTOR WILY'S MYSTERIOUS TECHNOLOGY-WIELDING ALLY. --EDITOR

"I'VE BUILT A FEW BATTLE STATIONS IN MY DAY. I CAN PROVIDE THE PRIMARY DESIGN."

"AND I HAVE A FLAIR FOR INTERNAL DEFENSES, SO I'LL HANDLE THE DETAILS."

"NOTHING CAN SURPASS OUR COMBINED GENIUS!!!"

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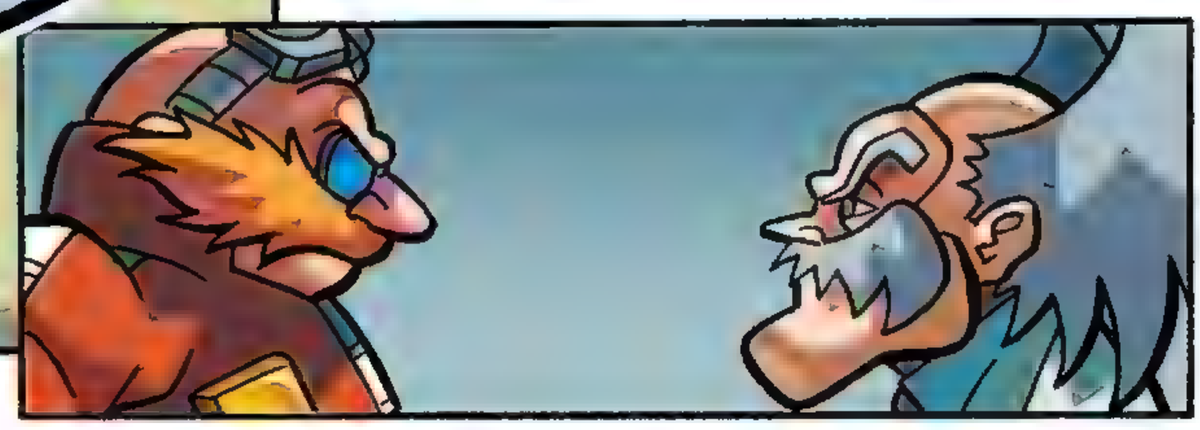
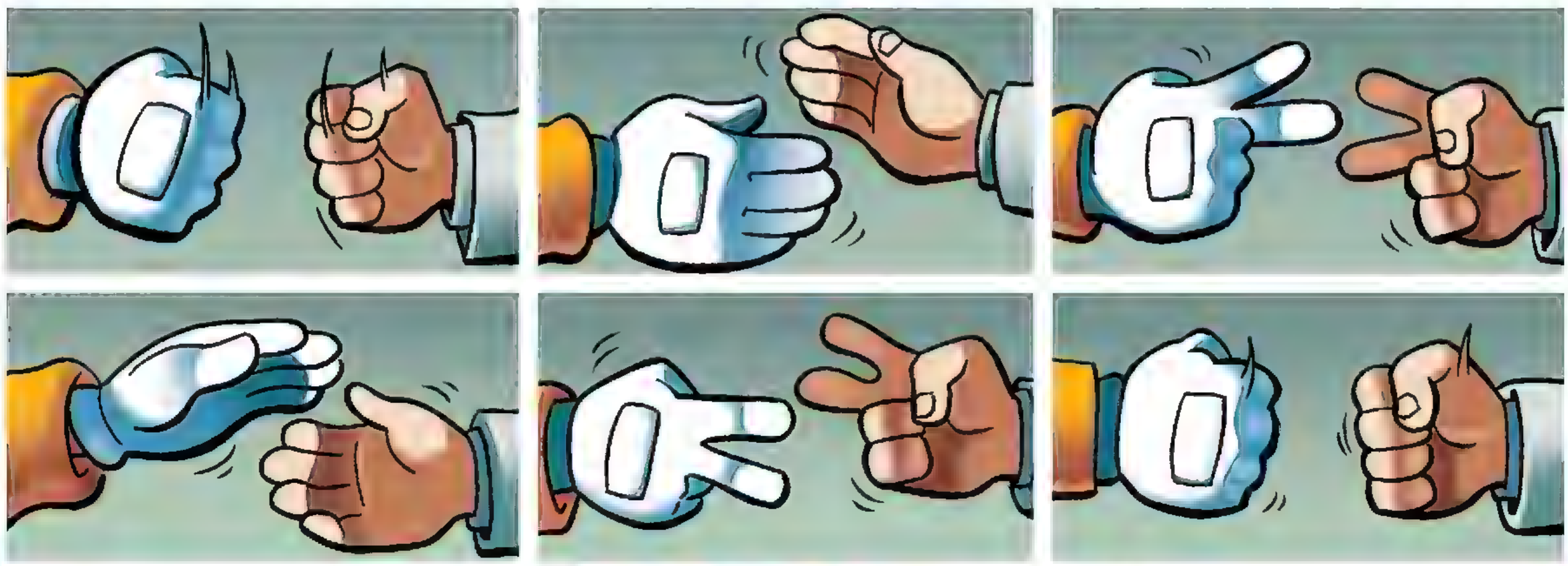
AND SO...

AT LONG LAST, IT'S TIME TO CHRISTEN THE *DEATH EGG III!* CARE TO DO THE HONORS, DOCTOR?

NO, NO, YOU MAY CHRISTEN OUR *WILY FLYING FORTRESS*, DOCTOR.





LATER STILL, ABOARD THE WILY EGG...

AND NOW, ON TO PHASE TWO OF OUR PLAN.

OUR *BRILLIANT* PLAN.

OUR *INCREDIBLY* BRILLIANT PLAN. THIS DEVICE, POWERED BY THE CHAOS EMERALD, WILL ALLOW US TO REWRITE THE VERY FABRIC OF REALITY! REWRITTEN, OF COURSE, BASED ON THE "ALTERATIONS" TO BOTH UNIVERSES THAT WE PROGRAMMED.

YES, YES, WE'VE GONE OVER ALL THIS BEFORE. THE ONLY QUESTION REMAINING IS--WILL SONIC, MEGA MAN, OR ANY OF THE OTHER SO-CALLED "HEROES" REMEMBER *US* AFTER WE REWRITE REALITY?

THAT'S THE BEAUTY OF IT--THEY'LL REMEMBER EXACTLY WHAT WE *WANT* THEM TO REMEMBER! TO EVERYONE BUT US AND OUR GLORIOUS "SKULL EGG ZONE," THE WORLD WILL HAVE SIMPLY *ALWAYS* BEEN THE WAY WE REWROTE IT. OBVIOUSLY, WE CAN'T ERASE LIVING BEINGS OR THEIR SPIRITS, BUT WE *CAN* REARRANGE TIME AND SPACE TO OUR BENEFIT.

NOW, IF YOU WOULD KINDLY PRESS THE COSMIC RESET BUTTON, DOCTOR, OUR REALITIES WILL BE RESHAPED AND PRIMED FOR OUR CONQUEST.

DON'T MIND IF I DO, DOCTOR.

ARGH... DID IT WORK?*

I... I THINK IT DID...

*IT SURE DID! SEE SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #247 AND MEGA MAN #23!

YES! *YES!* I REMEMBER IT ALL NOW! SO MUCH HAS CHANGED! THE PAST... PRESENT... EVEN THE *FUTURE! MWA HA HA!* NOW TO ABUSE THE FUZZY SPACE/TIME OF THIS ZONE AND RESURRECT MY ROBOT MASTERS! *ALL OF THEM!*

OF COURSE. BUT I HAVE AN EVEN BETTER IDEA.

TAILS'S HOUSE--SONIC'S (NEW) WORLD... MOMENTS AFTER THE COSMIC RESET BUTTON WAS PUSHED...

...AND I'LL NEED SOMETHING TO EAT, AND I SHOULD PACK MY COMPASS IN CASE...

MILES "TAILS" PROWER
SONIC'S HEROIC SIDEKICK

OH, SHOOT! SONIC'S ALREADY HERE!

I'M ALMOST DONE PACKING FOR...

HEY, KID. THE DOCTORS NEED YOU FOR SOME-THING.

BASS
DR. WILY'S DARK ENFORCER

METAL SONIC
DR. EGGMAN'S DEADLY ENFORCER

AHH! WHERE AM I?!
HMM... AND YOU SAY IT CAN FLY WITH THOSE TAILS?
INDUBITABLY.
FASCINATING.
DOCTOR EGGMAN!
HELLO, TAILS! CONGRATULATIONS! YOU'RE GOING TO BE PART OF AN EXPERIMENT!
EXPERIMENT? ÷GULP÷ WHAT KIND OF EXPERIMENT?
WE'RE HAVING A HARD TIME SENDING SOMETHING FROM ONE WORLD INTO THE OTHER WITHOUT A NATIVE SPECIMEN TO ACCOMPANY IT. THAT'S WHY BASS NEEDED METAL SONIC TO COME WITH HIM TO YOUR WORLD.
SO WE CAME UP WITH THE BRILLIANT IDEA OF COMBINING THE ROBOTICS OF ALBERT'S WORLD WITH THE ROBOTICIZATION PROCESS OF MY WORLD! A SYNERGY OF ROBOTIC SCIENCE!

I...I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.
UGH! CHILDREN!
UTTERLY HOPELESS!
THE SHORT VERSION; WE'RE TURNING YOU INTO A ROBOT MASTER TO DO OUR BIDDING.
EGAD! IT WORKED! A COMPLETE ORGANIC-TO-MECHANICAL TRANSFORMATION!
WAH-HA-HA! CONGRATULATIONS, DOCTOR! OUR FIRST ROBOTICIZED MASTER!
CLANG!

THIS IS PERFECT. *TAILS MAN* CAN TRAVEL FREELY TO BOTH OUR WORLDS AND FIND ALL THE OTHER CHAOS EMERALDS SCATTERED BY THE GENESIS WAVE!

"TAILS MAN"? *HA!*

DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE MUCH OF A PERSONALITY, THOUGH.

I...SUPPOSE. IT'S NOT REALLY ONE OF *MINE*, ANYWAY.

ALL PART OF THE PROCESS, AL. YOU GET LESS SASS FROM YOUR MINIONS THAT WAY.

YOU KNOW, IVO, IF SONIC HAS MORE FRIENDS, WE COULD HAVE A WHOLE ARMY OF ROBOTICIZED MASTERS. IT'D MAKE RECOVERING THE CHAOS EMERALDS MUCH EASIER.

YOU READ MY MIND! WHAT'S MORE, IT'LL MESS WITH SONIC'S HEAD *AND* GIVES US MORE TROOPS TO FIGHT MEGA MAN!

BASS! METAL SONIC! WE'VE GOT MORE TARGETS FOR CAPTURE!

ALL RIGHT, *TAILS MAN*, TIME TO PUT YOU TO WORK.

MEGA CITY-- MEGA MAN'S WORLD...
POST GENESIS-WAVE...
PROTO MAN HEROIC BROTHER OF MEGA MAN
AIIIEE!
ALL UNITS RE-SPOND TO ATTACK ON THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK! FIRST RESPONDERS ARE DOWN! SUS-PECTS ARE ARMED AND HIGHLY DANGEROUS!
WEE-OOO-
WEE-OOO-
WEE-OOO-
WEE-OOO-

AIEEE!
HELP!
CRUNCH!
?
CREEEAK!
CLANG
CLANG

YOU'RE PRETTY BRAZEN BANK ROBBERS, I'LL GIVE YOU THAT. POWERFUL, TOO, BY THE LOOK OF THINGS.
WAIT... YOU'RE NOT HUMANS IN HIGH-POWERED GEAR. YOU'RE NOT EVEN REGULAR ROBOTS.
WHAT ARE YOU?!

WE ARE THE ROBOTICIZED MASTERS. WE ARE YOUR DESTRUCTION!
TAILS MAN
SHADOW MAN
KNUCKLES MAN
ROSE WOMAN
EVIL GENIUSES-- UNITED! BLUE HEROES-- BATTLING! SONIC'S FRIENDS --CORRUPTED! PROTO MAN-- IN TROUBLE!
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I, _____, do solemnly
(your name)
swear, to spread the word of the Sonic/Mega Man crossover, until everyone in the entire world knows of the awesomeness that is "Worlds Collide," or until Dr. Eggman and Dr. Wily take over the world with their dastardly schemes and outlaw reading.

HEY KIDS! THINK YOU CAN MAKE THE **CUT**? YOU'LL LOOK SO **SHARP** WITH YOUR OFFICIAL LIGHT BRIGADE BADGE!

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Dear Mega-Mail,
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HA! Awesome!

HA! get it?

I did!

Mega fan? Mega Man?

...

HA HA HA HA HA HA! Anyway, just joking ya.

Whew! For a second there I thought you were crazy!

I have some say so's and ideas for more Mega Man.

Let's hear 'em! Everybody pull up an ice block and lend an ear.

I was in the local comic store one day and saw an issue of Mega Man which was Issue 12, I decided to start reading Mega Man so I picked up part 4 of the "Return of Dr. Wily" arc and read it. It seems that the Mega Man comic series is an adaption of the games, correct?

Sometimes, the Mega Man series sticks very close to the game cannon, but adds unique bits throughout to enhance the stories from the games.

It's amazing that Sonic and Mega Man are meeting at last in a crossover.

Indeed it is!

Mega Man's sister Roll is lovely, if she was fighting a robot could she do any gymnastics?

Sure! Roll even got her own heroic spotlight in Mega Man #19 where she coordinated the rescue of a sinking cruise ship!

Can he soon end up being in the Olympics in a future issue?

For now the Olympics are visited by Sonic, but I'm sure Mega Man would totally OWN the shot-put!

I think Mega Man should one day wield a Lightsaber.

Oh dear

Has Mega Man faced Sega Sonic villain, THE SINISTER DOCTOR EGGMAN?

Awww yeah – that battle is going to be EPIC and will be taking place during this Sonic/Mega Man crossover event! Make sure you subscribe to all 3 titles (Sonic the Hedgehog, Sonic Universe and Mega Man) to not miss a moment of the action!

HO HO HO HO HO HO HO HO HO HO HO HO HO HO HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HE HE HE HE HE HAROOO HOO HO HO HOOO!

Uh...

I first heard of Mega Man in Nintendo Power once, I then came across an ad of Mega Man in the pages of Sonic.

Right on!

SEE YA NEXT TIME FOR THE AWESOMENESS
James M.
Sent to megaman@archiecomics.com
P.S, The awesomeness is the BIG SONIC AND MEGA MAN CROSSOVER!

Thanks for writing in, James! And get that laugh checked out by a medical professional!

That's all the room we've got this month, but remember to write in to megaman@archiecomics.com for a chance to have your letters printed in upcoming issues of Mega Man! See ya back here next time for more MEGA-ACTION!

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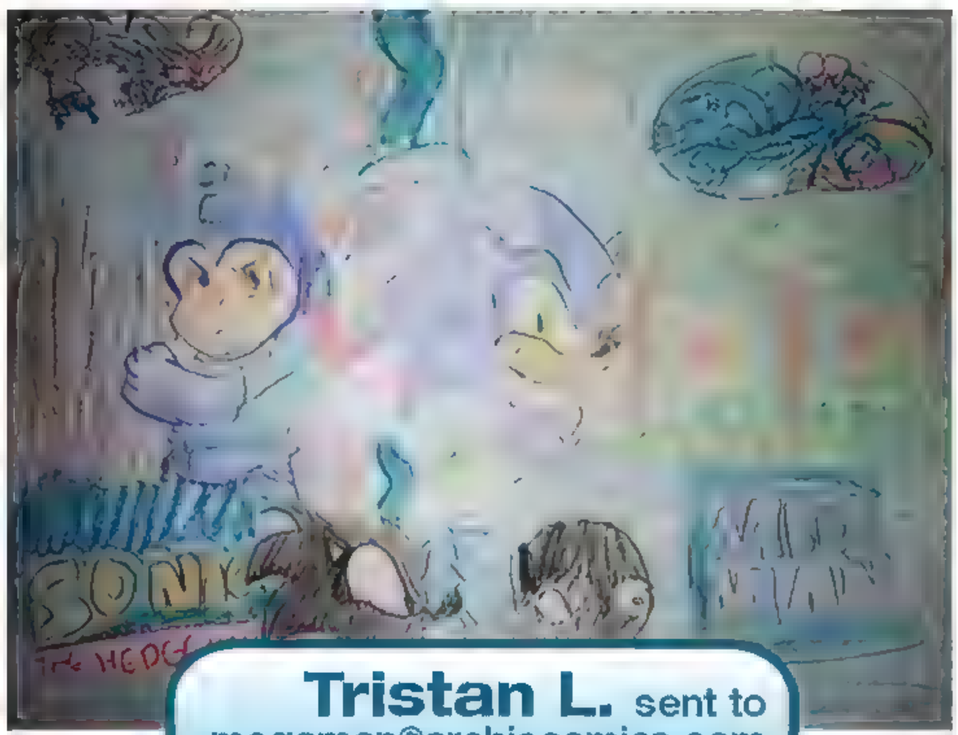

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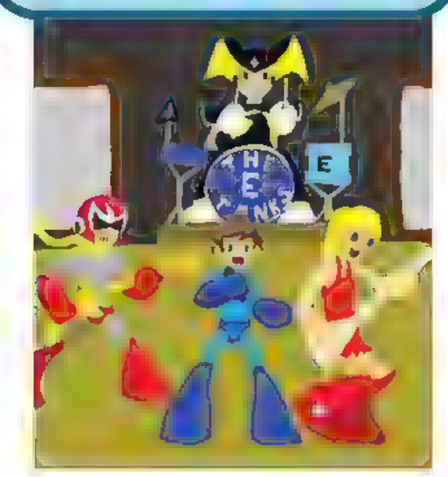

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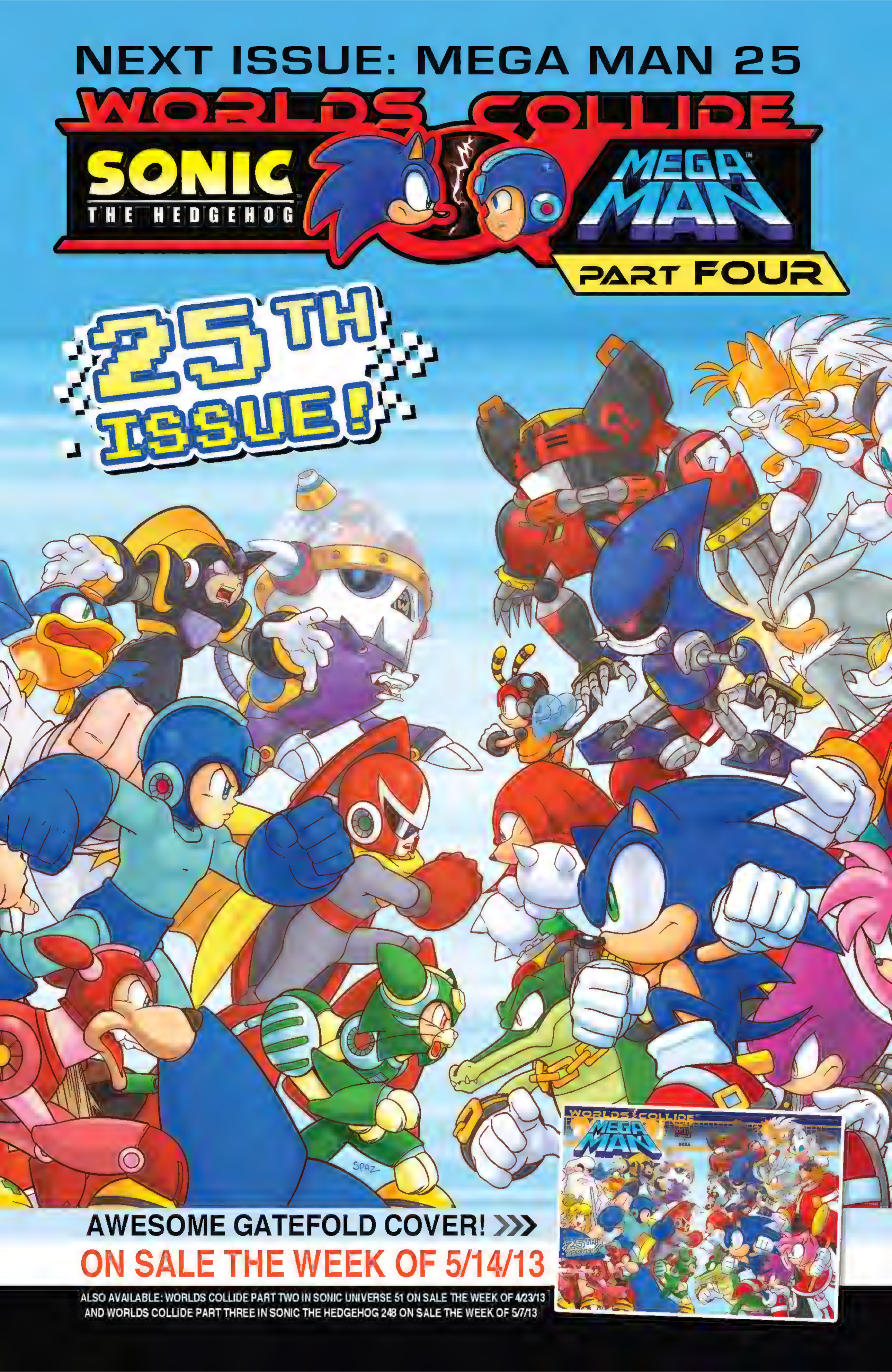

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG vs MEGA MAN

PART TWO

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Sonic is the fastest, coolest hedgehog in the world. He's spent his whole life traveling, helping his friends, and stopping Dr. Eggman's plans to conquer everyone and everything!

Mega Man was first built as the helper robot, Rock. But when the jealous Dr. Wily unleashed his robots upon the world, Rock had himself modified for combat so he could fight to protect others!

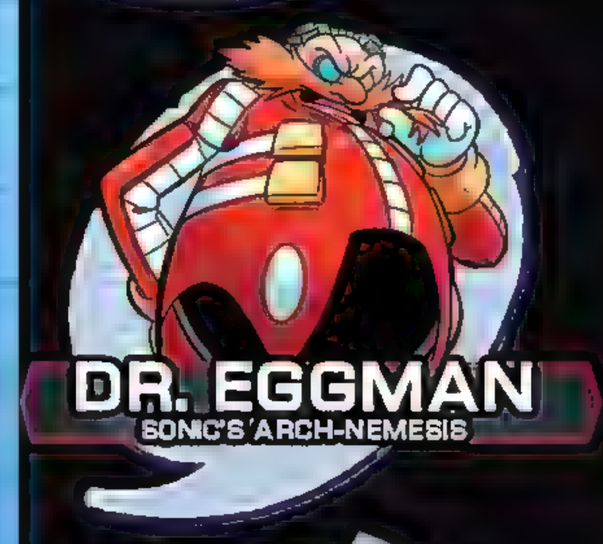
Suffering from a string of defeats, Dr. Eggman and Dr. Wily happened across each other through the power of a Chaos Emerald.

They combined their evil geniuses to prepare the ultimate plan to not only reshape their worlds, **but defeat Sonic and Mega Man once and for all...**

WHO'S WHO?

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
THE HEROIC BLUE BLUR

MEGA MAN
THE HEROIC BLUE BOMBER



DR. EGGMAN
SONIC'S ARCH-NEMESIS

DR. WILY
MEGA MAN'S ARCH-NEMESIS

PROTO MAN
MEGA MAN'S ESTRANGED BROTHER

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LIGHT LABS-- MEGA MAN'S WORLD...

...MOMENTS AFTER THE GENESIS WAVE.*

*MEGA MAN #23/ SONIC THE HEDGE-HOG #247.

DOCTOR LIGHT ROBOTICS GENIUS

DOCTOR LIGHT?

ROCK HELPER ROBOT (ALSO KNOWN AS MEGA MAN)

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT ?

YES, ROCK, I'M FINE. JUST GOT LOST IN MY THOUGHTS FOR A MOMENT.

WHAT ARE WE BUILDING TODAY? NOTHING EASILY WEAPONIZED, I HOPE.
HAHA! NO, THIS IS A DESIGN I'VE BEEN PUTTING OFF BUILDING SINCE THE ORIGINAL LINE. BOND MAN WILL--

DOCTOR LIGHT! ROCK! COME QUICK! YOU NEED TO SEE THE NEWS! THERE'S A BATTLE DOWN-TOWN!
ROLL
LIGHT LABS ASSISTANT, ROCK'S SISTER

BLUES IS THERE--*AND* OUT-NUMBERED!
PROTO-MAN...

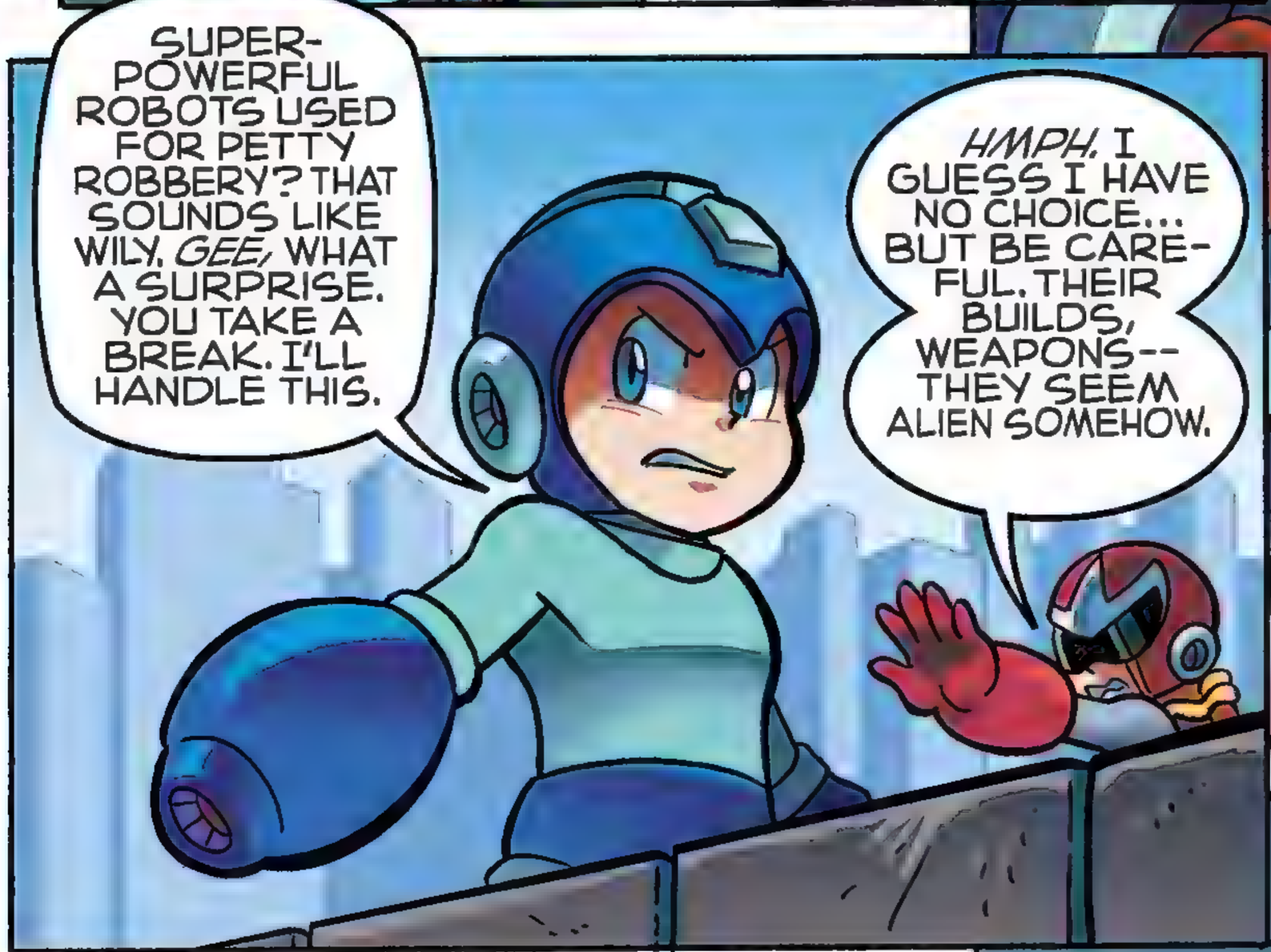
...CONTINUING OUR LIVE COVERAGE OF THE BATTLE ERUPTING IN THE FINANCIAL DISTRICT...
SEE? POOR BLUES IS FIGHTING ALL ALONE!
WHAT ARE THOSE THINGS?
I DON'T KNOW. THEY DON'T LOOK LIKE ANY ROBOT MASTERS I'VE EVER SEEN.

39-MEGA CITY NEWS
WELL, MAYBE I CAN GET SOME ANSWERS *AFTER* I HELP BLUES!
MEGA MAN SUPER FIGHTING ROBOT
BE CAREFUL, MEGA MAN! THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT THESE NEW ROBOTS ARE CAPABLE OF!

MEGA CITY, DOWNTOWN...
PROTO MAN
HEROIC BROTHER TO MEGA MAN
KLING!
BOOWIP!
BOOWIP!
POW!
BOOWIP!
?
BOOWIP! BOOWIP!

BLUES-- PROTO MAN --ARE YOU DAMAGED?
N-NO... I'M FINE.
OF COURSE YOU ARE. YOU ALWAYS ARE...
I'M FINE. THOSE ROBOTS DOWN THERE...THEY'RE STRONG. UNUSUALLY STRONG.
EH, I'VE HANDLED WORSE. WHAT ARE THEY AFTER?

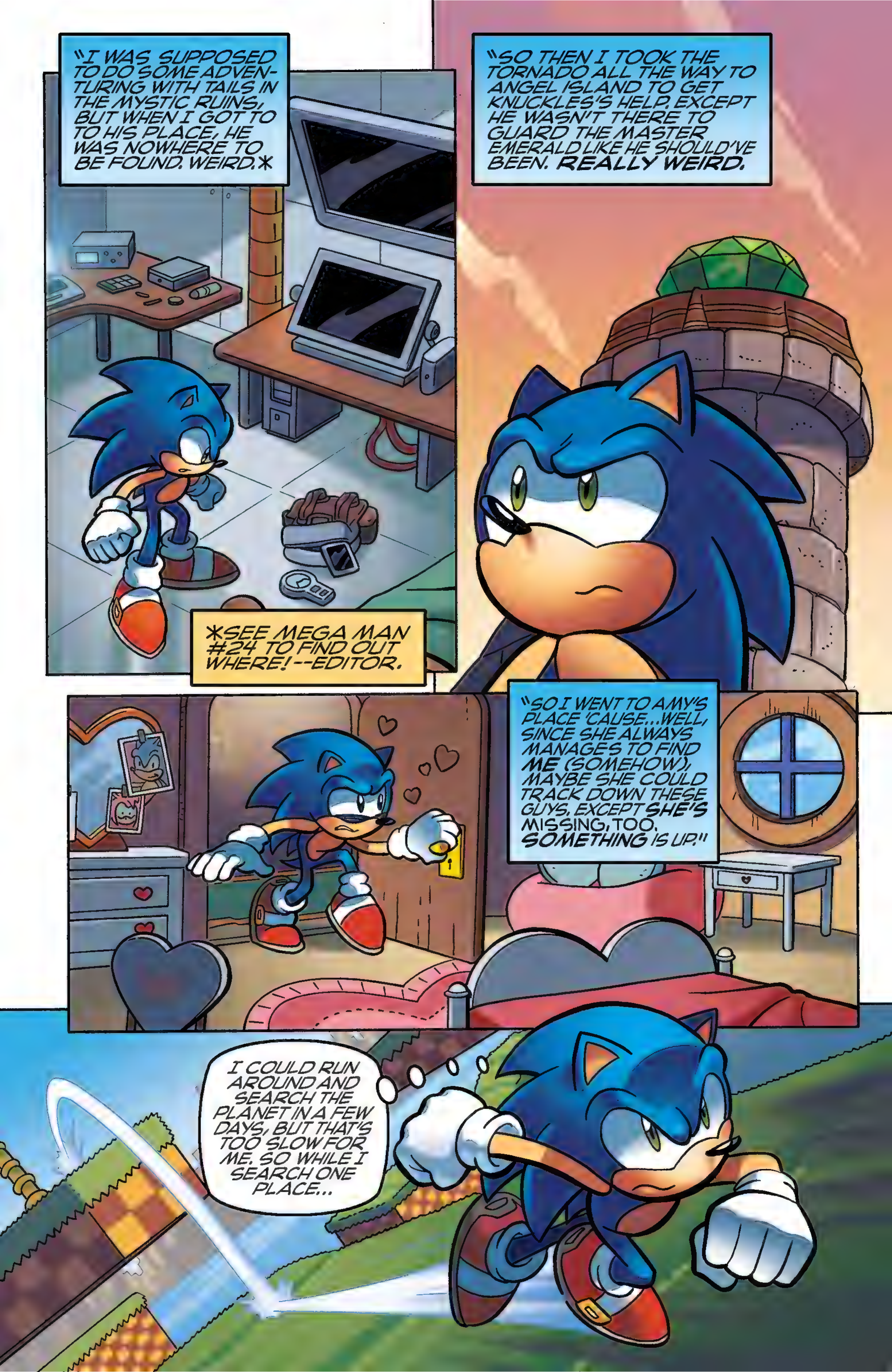
"THEY BROKE INTO THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK TO STEAL ONE THING--A HUGE GEMSTONE!"

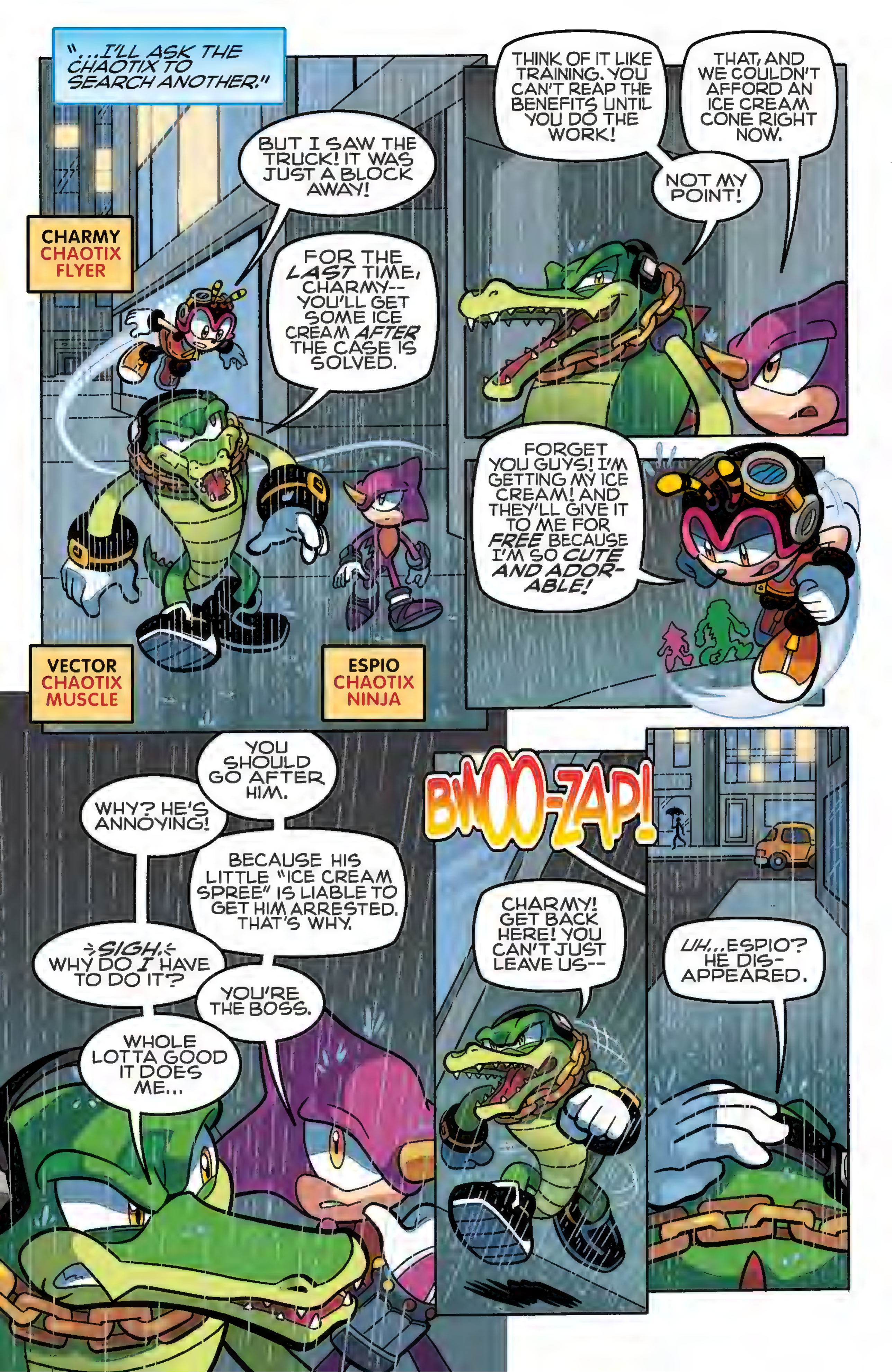

SUPER-POWERFUL ROBOTS USED FOR PETTY ROBBERY? THAT SOUNDS LIKE WILY. GEE, WHAT A SURPRISE. YOU TAKE A BREAK. I'LL HANDLE THIS.
HMPH. I GUESS I HAVE NO CHOICE... BUT BE CARE-FUL. THEIR BUILDS, WEAPONS-- THEY SEEM ALIEN SOMEHOW.

THAT'S OKAY-- I'VE FOUGHT ALIEN ROBOTS, TOO, REMEM-BER?

BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
HOLD IT! I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT, BUT I WON'T LET YOU ROB OR HURT ANYONE, EITHER! SURRENDER NOW, AND I PROMISE YOU'LL BE TREATED PEACEFULLY AND RESPECTFULLY.
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
PRANG
DESTROY HIM.
TAILS MAN
KNUCKLES MAN
SHADOW MAN
ROSE WOMAN
THE ROBOTICIZED MASTERS

MEANWHILE...
GREEN HILL ZONE-- SONIC'S WORLD...
HUH... AND THERE'S THAT WEIRD FEEL-ING...AGAIN? CAN I HAVE DÉJÀ VU ABOUT HAVING DÉJÀ VU?
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG SUPER SPEEDY HERO
I MEAN, I COME HERE A LOT, BUT SOMETHING FEELS OFF...*
*JUST LIKE IN THE "GENESIS" GRAPHIC NOVEL, HUH, SONIC?
SHAKE IT OFF, MAN!
YOU'VE GOT MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT.
...LIKE ...WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL MY FRIENDS?


"I WAS SUPPOSED TO DO SOME ADVENTURING WITH TAILS IN THE MYSTIC RUINS, BUT WHEN I GOT TO TO HIS PLACE, HE WAS NOWHERE TO BE FOUND. WEIRD.*
*SEE MEGA MAN #24 TO FIND OUT WHERE! --EDITOR.
"SO THEN I TOOK THE TORNADO ALL THE WAY TO ANGEL ISLAND TO GET KNUCKLES'S HELP. EXCEPT HE WASN'T THERE TO GUARD THE MASTER EMERALD LIKE HE SHOULD'VE BEEN. REALLY WEIRD.
"SO I WENT TO AMY'S PLACE 'CAUSE...WELL, SINCE SHE ALWAYS MANAGES TO FIND ME (SOMEHOW), MAYBE SHE COULD TRACK DOWN THESE GUYS, EXCEPT SHE'S MISSING, TOO. SOMETHING IS UP!"
I COULD RUN AROUND AND SEARCH THE PLANET IN A FEW DAYS, BUT THAT'S TOO SLOW FOR ME. SO WHILE I SEARCH ONE PLACE...


"...I'LL ASK THE CHAOTIX TO SEARCH ANOTHER."
CHARMY CHAOTIX FLYER
BUT I SAW THE TRUCK! IT WAS JUST A BLOCK AWAY!
FOR THE LAST TIME, CHARMY-- YOU'LL GET SOME ICE CREAM AFTER THE CASE IS SOLVED.
VECTOR CHAOTIX MUSCLE
ESPIO CHAOTIX NINJA
THINK OF IT LIKE TRAINING. YOU CAN'T REAP THE BENEFITS UNTIL YOU DO THE WORK!
THAT, AND WE COULDN'T AFFORD AN ICE CREAM CONE RIGHT NOW.
NOT MY POINT!
FORGET YOU GUYS! I'M GETTING MY ICE CREAM! AND THEY'LL GIVE IT TO ME FOR FREE BECAUSE I'M SO CUTE AND ADOR-ABLE!
YOU SHOULD GO AFTER HIM.
WHY? HE'S ANNOYING!
BECAUSE HIS LITTLE "ICE CREAM SPREE" IS LIABLE TO GET HIM ARRESTED. THAT'S WHY.
>SIGH.< WHY DO I HAVE TO DO IT?
YOU'RE THE BOSS.
WHOLE LOTTA GOOD IT DOES ME...
BWOO-ZAP!
CHARMY! GET BACK HERE! YOU CAN'T JUST LEAVE US--
UH...ESPIO? HE DIS-APPEARED.

ODD. HE COULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN THAT FAR AHEAD OF US...

GRR... MAYBE THIS IS ANOTHER OF HIS PASSIVE-AGGRESSIVE HIDE-'N'-SEEK GAMES? C'MON, LET'S FIND HIM BEFORE...

YO! ESPIO! YOU LISTENIN' TO ME OR NOT?

?

ALL RIGHT, PUNK, COME ON OUT--I KNOW YOU'RE HERE...

SURE. HIDING. YOU CHECK DOWN THE STREET. I'VE GOT ANOTHER LEAD.

WHATEVER. (ALWAYS GOTTA BE SO DRAMATIC...)

BIIIIP!

ESPIO?

...MAN, SONIC IS NOT PAYING ME ENOUGH FOR THIS...
...ACTUALLY, DID WE EVEN DISCUSS PAY...?
ESPIO? CHARMY? ANYBODY IN HERE?!
AS A MATTER OF FACT...
BLOO-ZAP!
THREE MORE SPECIMENS FOR YOUR ARMY, DR. WILY.
COPYBOT
MEGA MAN'S EVIL DOUBLE
EXCELLENT WORK, COPY ROBOT! I'M SENDING YOU A NAV-POINT TO THE GREEN HILL ZONE. YOU'VE GOT ONE MORE TARGET THERE.

MEANWHILE-- MEGA CITY...
KLANG!
CRASH!
COME DOWN HERE AND FIGHT LIKE A MAN! UH... FOX! WHATEVER YOU ARE --ROBOT!
BLAM!
BLAM!
I DON'T WANT TO DESTROY YOU, BUT YOU'RE LEAVING ME NO CHOICE!
KLONG!
VVVVVVVVVV
BLAMMM!
WHOA!

KZZZT

KZZZT

THAT'S NEW. MY CHARGED SHOT SEEMS TO STUN--

FWASH

WHAT WAS THAT?

WARP RING ACTIVATED.

HOLD IT!

BLAMM!

FWASH

RRGH...DOCTOR LIGHT! THE STRANGE ROBOTS AND SOME KIND OF *BLUE BLUR* JUST VANISHED INTO A...PORTAL, I THINK?

IT'S CLOSING FAST, AND I CAN'T STOP IT, SO I'M GOING IN!

GOOD LUCK, SON. BE CAREFUL! COME BACK SAFELY!

FWASH

...WHERE AM I?

MEANWHILE...
...ELSEWHERE IN SONIC'S ZONE...
SONIC!
SILVER THE HEDGEHOG TIME-TRAVELLER, PSYCHO-KINETIC
OH, HEY! SILVER! EVERYONE'S FAVORITE WALKING PARADOX. 'SUP?
I DETECTED A DISTURBANCE IN SPACE-TIME ORIGINATING FROM THIS PERIOD. I DON'T HAVE MUCH TO GO ON BESIDES THIS WEIRD SENSE THAT--
THINGS ARE JUST A LITTLE "OFF"?
YES! EXACTLY!
LOOK, SOME OF MY FRIENDS HAVE GONE MISSING. NOW YOU'RE TELLING ME SOMETHING FUNKY IS GOING ON WITH SPACE AND TIME. SOUND LIKE ANYONE YOU KNOW?
DOCTOR EGGMAN AGAIN?
GOTTA BE. I'VE GOT THE CHAOTIX HELPING TO LOOK FOR EVERYONE, BUT YOU CAN--
BWOO-ZAP!
WHOA!
AHHH!
I'D LOVE TO DO THE SAME TO YOU, SONIC, BUT THE DOCTOR HAS DIFFERENT PLANS. CIAO!

TRYING TO RUN FROM *ME*? YOU SHOULD'VE BLASTED ME WHEN YOU HAD THE CHANCE!

COPY ROBOT HERE! I'VE GOT SONIC ON MY SIX. RELAYING MY COORDINATES NOW.
EXCELLENT! ALBERT BUILT YOU WELL! THIS IS DR. EGGMAN. METAL SONIC, YOU'RE NOT FAR FROM THOSE COORDINATES. LURE MEGA MAN TO COPY ROBOT'S LOCATION!
METAL SONIC
SONIC'S EVIL DOUBLE
ROBOTICIZED MASTERS! DISPERSE, THEN REGROUP AT THE RENDEZVOUS POINT. TAILS MAN, OBTAIN A HIGH ALTITUDE AND TRANSMIT EVENTS TO US.
BLAM!
BLAM!
THEY'RE BREAKING UP...BETTER FOCUS ON THEIR LEADER FIRST, AND--
GAH!
OKAY--THAT'S IT!

NEARBY...
NOW TO GIVE HIM THE SLIP!
COPY ROBOT! BREAK SONIC'S LINE OF SIGHT!
METAL SONIC! DO THE SAME TO MEGA MAN!
ALL RIGHT, BLUE BLUR, GET READY TO EAT BLAST--
--AHH!
GOTCHA!
KLANG!

WOO! KNOCKED THE SCARF RIGHT OFF OF YOU! HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT?
THERMAL READINGS SUGGEST THAT THING IS ORGANIC...BUT THAT CAN'T BE RIGHT. NOTHING ALIVE IS THAT FAST! THAT HIT MUST'VE DAMAGED MY SENSORS.
TING!
BLAM!
BLAM!
ARE YOU RECEIVING THIS, MASTERS?
EVERY GLORIOUS SECOND, TAILS MAN...

...AND WE ARE LOVING IT!
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SONIC HERE, WITH A PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE FINE FOLKS AT ARCHIE COMICS.

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Where can everyone read this amazing story?

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- Other fine retailers like bookstores and super markets!
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So, fellow Sonic Heroes-brigadiers, please place your right hand on this comic book and repeat after me:

I, _____, do solemnly
(your name)
swear, to spread the word of the Sonic/Mega Man crossover, until everyone in the entire world knows of the awesomeness that is "Worlds Collide," or until Dr. Eggman and Dr. Wily take over the world with their dastardly schemes and outlaw reading.

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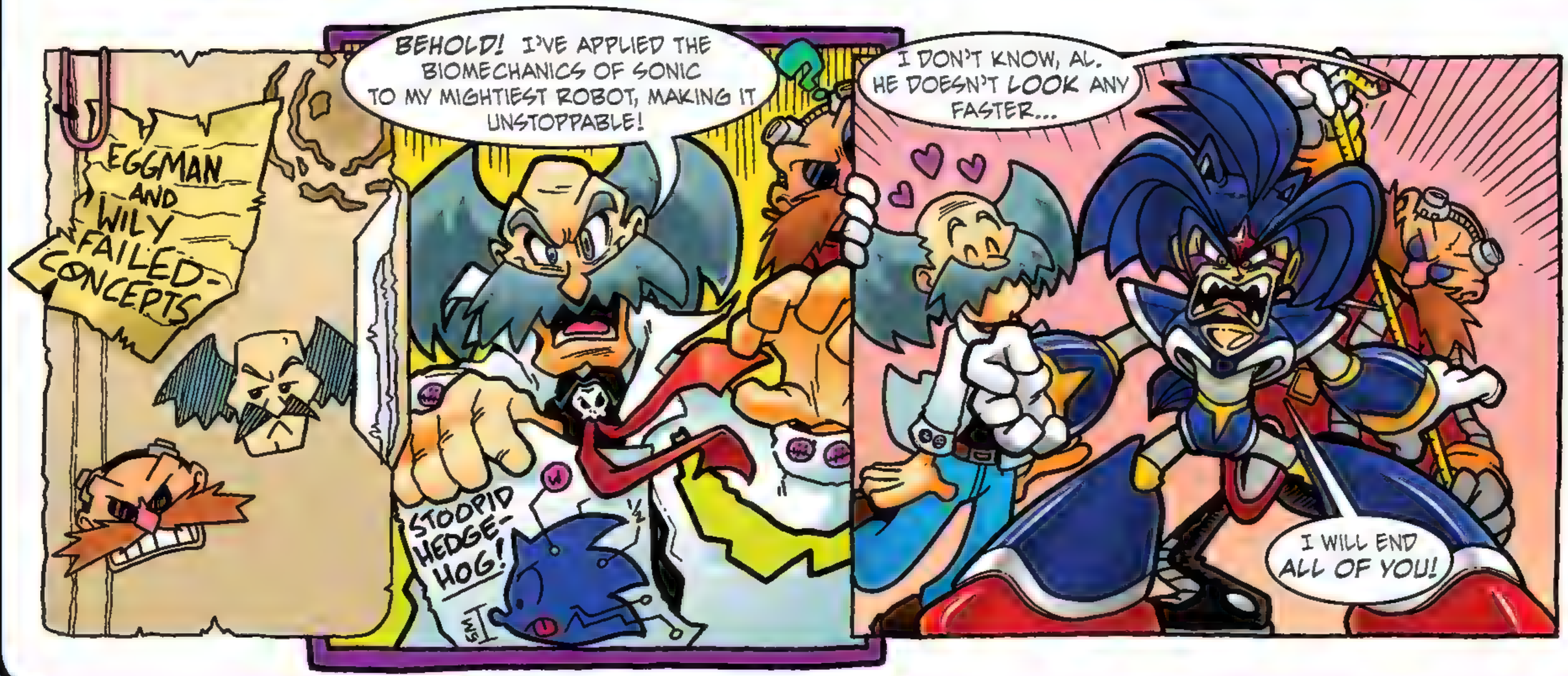

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Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
Hey there, I'm Jeffrey, and I think you guys make the best comics.

And the award for best opening line to an e-mail goes to....*drum roll*... JEFFREY! For his very pleasant and enjoyable opening line!

I have a question: In the upcoming Issue-# 247, Sonic and Team Fighters are heading to the Arctic, right?

They did! And you can read all about it in Sonic the Hedgehog issue 247, on sale now! OR in this year's Free Comic Book Day issue, coming to a comic shop near you on May 4th!

I also have another question, with the Worlds Collide story arc, does it take place in Mobius Prime, or "Another Time, Another Place?"

As you've read in this issue (and in part one available now in Mega Man™ #24 pugplugplug) you can see that the evil doctors Eggman and Wily have used the Genesis Wave to create their own pocket dimension and REWRITE the histories of both Sonic and Mega Man's worlds! Boy, they must be geniuses, I'm lucky if I can find my car keys in the morning!

Again, you guys are all awesome and make the best comics :), chao (ciao, like goodbye, get it?).

From Sonic's #1 fan, Jeffrey
sent to Sonic@ArchieComics.com

Jeffrey, you go ahead and write back anytime - you're always welcome in Sonic/ Mega Man™ land!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
I just want to say... YOU GUYS ARE AWESOME!!!

D'AWWW! How sweet!

I am a huge Shadow fan could you make me his number 1 fan? If that's already taken, can you make me his 1.1 fan?

From this day forth, with the power of chaos, I now pronounce you Shadow's number 1.1 fan!

Okay, now I have a question about SHADOW! Will shadow be returning soon?

As you have just read, Shadow is currently a Roboticized Master! The question is -- will he and the rest of Sonic's friends be able to return to their former selves? Keep reading the Worlds Collide story to find out! If you don't want to miss a single moment of the action, be sure to subscribe to Sonic the Hedgehog, Sonic Universe, & Mega Man™ by taking advantage of the special subscription deal available in this very issue!

Thank you so much for your time and it would be awesome if you could reply :D

Austin J.
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Thanks for writing in, Austin!

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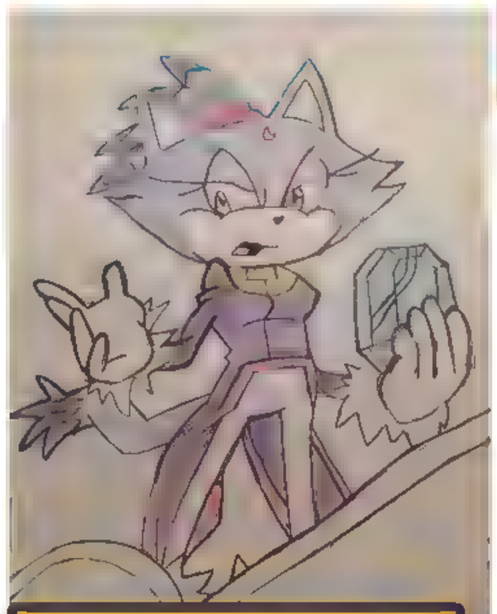

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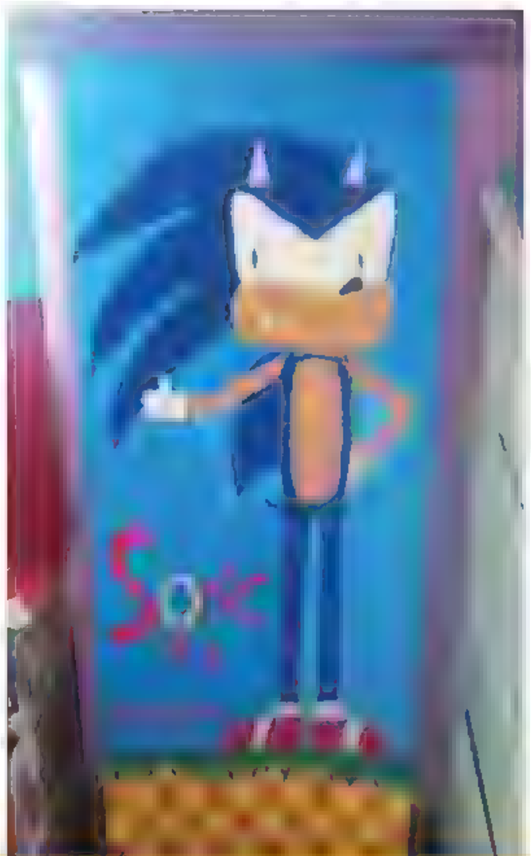

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Part Three:
NO HOLDS BARRED
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MANY OF YOU BOTS I'VE TRASHED IN THIS ZONE?
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MEGA MAN (SUPER FIGHTING ROBOT)
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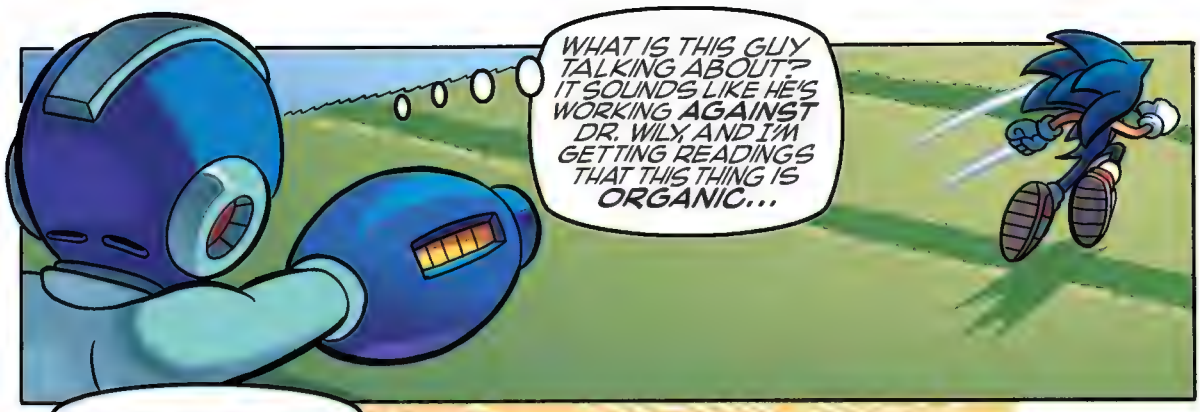
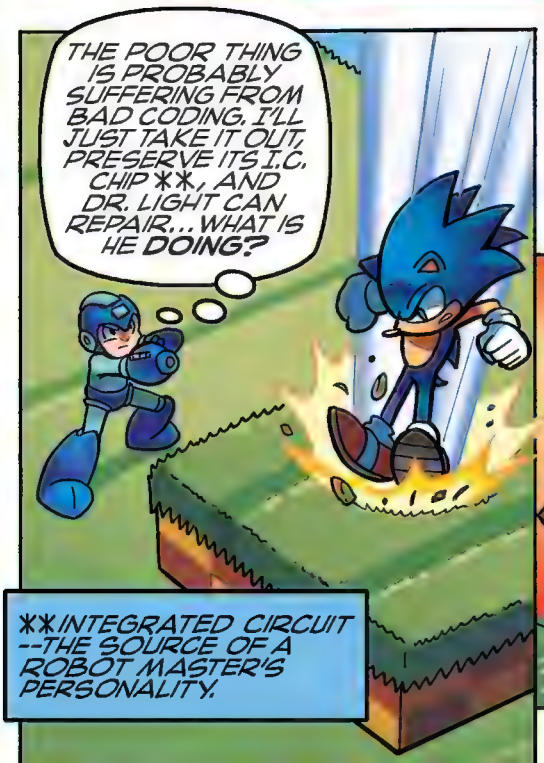
DOZENS! HUNDREDS! YOU SHOULD'VE SNIPED ME WHEN YOU HAD THE CHANCE!*
*SONIC UNIVERSE #51.
'CAUSE WE'RE ABOUT TO SEE IF YOU'VE GOT A BIRD OR A PIG IN THERE!
THEN AGAIN, I'M A SPORTING GUY, AND I CAN SEE THAT YOU'RE ONE OF THOSE HIGH-END "THINKING BADNIKS".
SO HERE'S THE DEAL--YOU TELL ME WHERE MY FRIENDS ARE AND WHAT THE DOC IS UP TO, AND I DON'T SMASH YOU. COOL?
OR NOT!
BLAM


WHAT IS THIS GUY TALKING ABOUT? IT SOUNDS LIKE HE'S WORKING **AGAINST** DR. WILY, AND I'M GETTING READINGS THAT THIS THING IS **ORGANIC...**

NO. HE **HAS** TO BE A ROBOT. HE MOVES **TOO FAST** TO BE ALIVE. I COULD BARELY KEEP UP WITH IT BACK IN THE CITY.*
*SONIC UNIVERSE #51--AGAIN!
AND IT'S NOT LIKE DR. WILY'S NEVER ENDED UP WITH A DEFIANT ROBOT BEFORE.


THE POOR THING IS PROBABLY SUFFERING FROM BAD CODING. I'LL JUST TAKE IT OUT, PRESERVE ITS I.C. CHIP **, AND DR. LIGHT CAN REPAIR... WHAT IS HE **DOING?**
**INTEGRATED CIRCUIT --THE SOURCE OF A ROBOT MASTER'S PERSONALITY.

THERE WE GO!
GAH!

BAM
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
THE BATTLE SEEMS EVENLY MATCHED, MASTERS. SHOULD I CONTINUE TRANSMITTING THE FOOTAGE?
TAILS MAN ROBOTICIZED MASTER
ABOARD THE WILY EGG...
ABSOLUTELY, TAILS MAN!
WE DON'T WANT TO MISS A MINUTE OF THIS!

AHHH...THIS IS THE LIFE. BASKING IN OUR BRILLIANCE. WATCHING OUR MORTAL ENEMIES BEAT THE SNOT OUT OF EACH OTHER...

AND ALL FROM THE COMFORT OF OUR FLYING BATTLE STATION IN OUR CUSTOM-BUILT POCKET ZONE.

HOT TOWEL, ANYONE?

WHICH WERE DESIGNED BY OUR GENIUSES.

BUT OF COURSE.

Evil Bro Fist!

MASTERS! WE HAVE RETURNED WITH THE CHAOS EMERALD.
KNUCKLES MAN
SHADOW MAN
ROSE WOMAN
EXCELLENT! OOOH, I ALWAYS GET EXCITED WHEN I FIND THESE THINGS!
WE SHOULD ADD THIS TO THE COLLECTION. CARE TO DO THE HONORS, BRILLIANT DR. WILY.
IT WOULD BE MY PLEASURE, INGENIOUS DR. EGGMAN.
BUT AFTER THE FIGHT BETWEEN THE BLUE BUMBLERS IS DECIDED, I DON'T WANT TO MISS ANY OF IT.
AH! BUT OF COURSE! HOW THOUGHTLESS OF ME.
NONSENSE. BESIDES, IT GIVES TIME FOR THE OTHER TEAM TO RETURN. THEN WE CAN PLUG IN THE LAST TWO GEMS TOGETHER.
CHAOS EMERALDS ACQUIRED

GREEN HILL ZONE...
YEOW!
WHAT IS THAT THING MADE OF?! I'VE FOUGHT SUPER-BADNIKS, GIZOIDS, AND WAR MACHINES, BUT THAT ROBO-KID IS IN A WHOLE OTHER LEAGUE!
LOOKS LIKE HE'S GONE INTO HIDING --GOOD! GIVES ME A SECOND TO COOL DOWN AND RECHARGE!
HE'S NOT USING SOMETHING LIKE FLASH MAN'S TIME STOPPER. I CAN STILL TRACK HIS MOVEMENTS--BARELY. BUT HE'S WAY FASTER THAN QUICK MAN, NITRO MAN... ANY OF THEM!
I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE THIS GUY!

NAH! OF COURSE I CAN DO IT. I'M SONIC THE HEDGEHOG. I'VE GOT MY HYPE TO MAINTAIN.
I JUST GOTTA FIGHT SMARTER, NOT HARDER. HE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HE'S BUILT WITH THIS ZONE IN MIND. SO...
WAIT...UM... WHOA. I CAN'T TARGET--
AUGH!

BLAM
SPROING
SPROING
SPROING
SPROING
AUGH!

SONIC-- ONE! ANNOYINGLY TENACIOUS ROBOT-- ZERO!
SO, GIVE UP YET?
CLOK!
THAT'S IT! FIGHTING THOSE OTHER ROBOTS AT THE BANK LEFT ME TOO DRAINED...
TIME TO STOP PULLING MY PUNCHES, JERK!

FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER!

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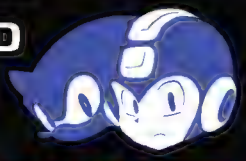

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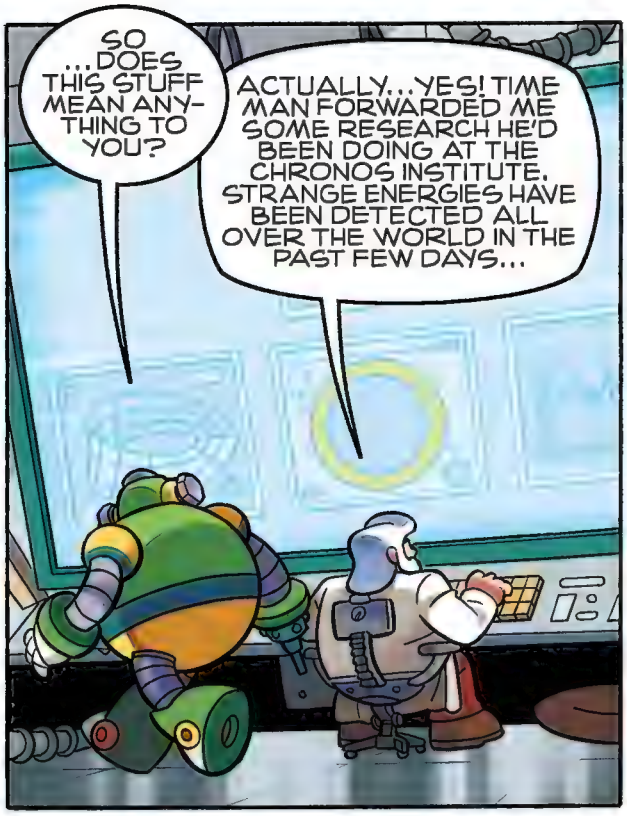
SURE COULD USE DR. LIGHT'S HELP RIGHT ABOUT NOW, THOUGH...
LIGHT LABS-- MEGA MAN'S WORLD...
ANYTHING, AUTO?
NOPE, SORRY, DOC. ALL THE NEWS IS SHOWING IS THE MESS DOWNTOWN.
NO SIGN OF THOSE WEIRD ROBOTS OR MEGA MAN OR--
ROLL SISTER OF MEGA MAN
DR. LIGHT FATHER OF MODERN ROBOTICS
AUTO HELPER ROBOT
BOO-WIP!
PROTO MAN!
YOU'RE ALL RIGHT! WHAT THEY SHOWED ON THE NEWS LOOKED--
MEGA MAN PURSUED THE STRANGE ATTACKERS THROUGH SOME KIND OF PORTAL. I TOOK SOME READINGS. YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO USE THEM TO HELP HIM.
...I SEE. THANK YOU, BLU... ER, PROTO MAN.
PROTO MAN HEROIC BROTHER OF MEGA MAN

YOU'RE HURT!
IT'S NOTHING. I'LL BE FINE! I JUST NEED TIME.
OR YOU LET ME REPAIR AND REFUEL YOU HERE. JUST ME, OKAY? PROMISE. IT SAVES YOU TIME YOU COULD BE SPENDING HELPING OUR BROTHER.
...ALL RIGHT. JUST FOR YOU.
WHEW. ROLL GOT HIM TO LISTEN TO REASON.
GOOD GIRL. GIVES ME ENOUGH PEACE OF MIND TO WORK ON THIS DATA.

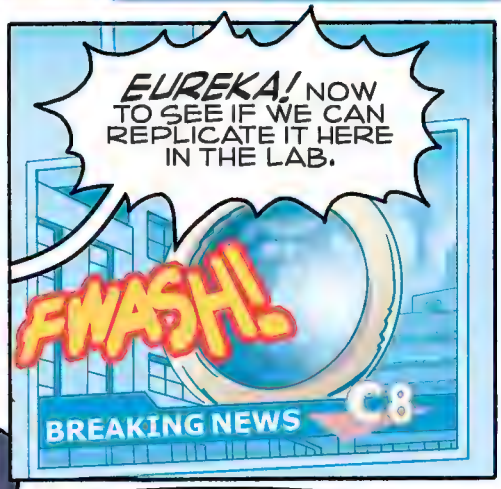


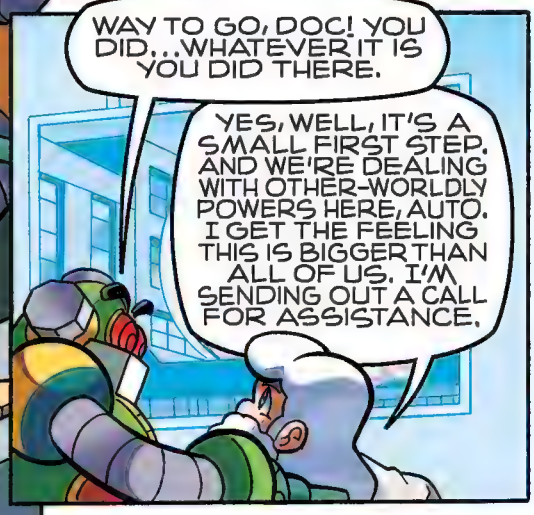
YOU BUILT ME TO FIX 'BOTS, DOC. YOU'RE TALKIN' OUTSIDE OF MY PROCESSOR RANGE.

I'LL UPLOAD AN INTRO TO QUANTUM MECHANICS INTO YOU LATER. NOW--LET'S SEE IF I CAN REPLICATE THE DISTORTION FROM HERE.

YOU CAN DO THAT?

I HAVE NO IDEA. ITS ORIGIN POINT MIGHT STILL BE UNSTABLE. WITH THE RIGHT FREQUENCY AND INTENSITY...





"I JUST PRAY DUO RECEIVES IT AND RESPONDS IN TIME."
GREEN HILL ZONE, SONIC'S WORLD.
HEY! IT'S THAT WEIRD PORTAL THINGIE!
FWASH!
FINALLY! A WAY HOME-- HEY!
I'M GETTING REAL TIRED OF THIS LEMON-SHOOTER OF YOURS...
OOH! THIS LOOKS IMPORTANT!
CLICK
CLICK
NOT GOOD! NEED TO GET HOME, REPAIR AND RE-GROUP --OR I'M TOAST! BUT I CAN'T JUST LET THIS GUY GET AWAY...
GOT IT! I'LL JUST MAKE HIM COME WITH ME.

OH, NO. HE'S ESCAPING. HOWEVER WILL I CATCH HIM IN TIME ?
GOTCHA, KID!
WRONG! I'VE GOT YOU!

ABOARD THE WILY EGG...
ACK! WHERE'D THAT PORTAL COME FROM?! TAILS MAN!!! PURSUE BEFORE IT CLOSES! DON'T LOSE SIGHT OF THEM!
PTEW!
WOOSH!
FWASH!
HMPH! WELL PLAYED, THOMAS.
THOMAS? WHO IS "THOMAS" ...?

DOCTOR THOMAS LIGHT, THE CREATOR OF MEGA MAN. HE ONCE WAS AN OLD FRIEND, AND IS NOW MY FIERCEST RIVAL. (WELL... HUMAN RIVAL.) I HAVE NO DOUBT HE WAS THE ONE TO OPEN THAT PORTAL.
HE CAN DO THAT?
OH, YES. THOMAS IS QUITE BRILLIANT.
BUT NOT AS BRILLIANT AS US.
OH, NO! NOT AT ALL!
BECAUSE WE'RE ESPECIALLY BRILLIANT!
UNFATHOMABLY SO.
BUT HE CAN STILL BE A PROBLEM, ESPECIALLY AT THIS DELICATE STAGE OF OUR PLANS. HE NEEDS TO BE DEALT WITH IMMEDIATELY.
BASS
DR. WILY'S DARK ENFORCER
METAL SONIC
DR. EGGMAN'S LETHAL ENFORCER
YOU SAY YOU NEED SOMEONE TO TRASH LIGHT LABS AND SEND THE OLD MAN A MESSAGE?
LEAVE IT TO US.

FWASH!
AUGH!
HUH, WASN'T EXPECTING TO WIND UP IN STATION SQUARE, OR IS THIS CENTRAL CITY?
...OR... WESTOPOLIS ...?
...OR...?
OKAY, WHERE AM I?

FWASH!
WE'RE BACK ON MY TURF, MY HOME TOWN, EVEN. ALL THANKS TO MY DAD, I'M SURE.
WAIT--WAIT--WAIT--YOUR DAD? YOU'RE A ROBOT, AND YOU CALL WHOEVER BROUGHT US BACK HERE "DAD"...?
WHY WOULDN'T I? AND SINCE I'M HOME...
DEET!
BOO-WIP!
BOO-WIP!
BOO-WIP!
BOO-WIP!
...IT'S TIME TO CALL FOR BACK-UP...
THIS ...THIS DOESN'T LOOK GOOD.

SAY HELLO TO MEGA MAN'S LITTLE FRIENDS! THE BLUE BOMBER NOW HAS THE HOME FIELD ADVANTAGE! THINGS HEAT UP AND COME TO AN UNEXPECTED END AS WE ENTER *MEGA MAN VS. SONIC--ROUND TWO* IN *MEGA MAN #25!*

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SONIC HERE, WITH A PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE FINE FOLKS AT ARCHIE COMICS.

Sonic the Hedgehog and Mega Man have finally come together for the first time EVER in the twelve-part crossover epic event called "WORLDS COLLIDE."

So I'm calling upon all you awesome readers out there to be honorary members of the **Sonic Heroes Brigade!** The Sonic Heroes Brigade is charged with spreading the word about the **SONIC** and **MEGA MAN: WORLDS COLLIDE** story! Tell your friends on the playground, your dentist, your best friend's dog, your cousins, your gym teacher, your local congressman – tell **ANYONE** that will listen, that this Sonic/Mega Man crossover event is gonna be **EPIC** and they should all join the fun!

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So, fellow Sonic Heroes-brigadiers, please place your right hand on this comic book and repeat after me:

I, _____, do solemnly
(your name)
swear, to spread the word of the Sonic/Mega Man crossover, until everyone in the entire world knows of the awesomeness that is "Worlds Collide," or until Dr. Eggman and Dr. Wily take over the world with their dastardly schemes and outlaw reading.

SONIC HEROES BRIGADE

HEY KIDS! REMEMBER TO BE SAFE WITH YOUR SCISSORS. YOU'LL LOOK SO COOL WITH YOUR OFFICIAL SONIC HEROES BRIGADE BADGE!

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Dear Sonic Grams,
You could say I grew up reading Archie's Sonic the Hedgehog, and for what seemed like the longest time I was collecting every scrap I could get. I managed to get a rather complete series piled up from the beginning up to about issue 150ish before life took a busier route for me.

That sounds like a pretty hefty collection you got there!

I have finally begun catching up on it all lately and have been spending some time trying to figure out just what happened. I must admit its been fun -- a good read down memory lane to catch up on it all.

Well, if there are any missing pieces to your Sonic comic collection you can always catch up via our expansive Sonic graphic novel library! All of our books are available for purchase through ArchieComics.com, fine book stores near you, and for digital download on the Sonic comics app!

Well, if I'm going to ask something I figure I should ask a good question -- with Sally roboticized again would we be seeing a return of Sonic roboticized as well?

Matthew T. O.
sent to Sonic@ArchieComics.com

Thanks for writing in, Matthew! Well, right now in the awesome Sonic and Mega Man Worlds Collide story, Sonic's friends have been transformed into Roboticized Masters, so it's possible! We of course can't spoil anything for you but keep reading to find out what we have in store for Sonic!

Dear Sonic Grams,
Hi.

Howdy pardner!

It's the first time I'm writing you.

This is my first time responding to you! Funny how that works, huh?

I'm very excited to finally write you. I have some questions :

Well my friend, in these parts we call that "the usual" which you will now have!

1) Will commander D'coolette recover from his coma?

We sure hope so! For those of you who haven't read the issue, download Sonic #234 on the Sonic Comics App today to see what happened to poor Antoine!

2) Is Silver going to date Blaze any time?

Mike R.
sent to Sonic@ArchieComics.com

Thanks for the letter Mike! Well, with Blaze being a princess from another dimesnison and Silver constantly jumping through time it might be kinda hard for them pair up like that! But keep reading Worlds Collide, Silver just got captured so Blaze just might be showing up soon too!

That's all the letters there are for now! Come back here next month for part SIX of the epic Sonic/Mega Man crossover event, and don't miss out on parts 4 and 5, coming soon to Mega Man™ #25 and Sonic Universe #52!

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG — PART FOUR

MEGA MAN

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In an attempt to even the odds, Mega Man tricked Sonic into plummeting the two heroes back to Mega Man's world!

Of course, the battle wouldn't be taking place at all if Dr's Eggman and Wily hadn't joined forces and rewritten reality with the Genesis wave! Aboard their flying fortress, the Wily Egg, they watch the blue heroes duke it out, all while their newest creations, the Roboticized Masters, gather the Chaos Emeralds for them!

The evil doctors continue their devious plans as the battle continues between the Blue Blur and Blue Bomber in Mega City! **Does Sonic the Hedgehog stand a chance without a home-field advantage?**

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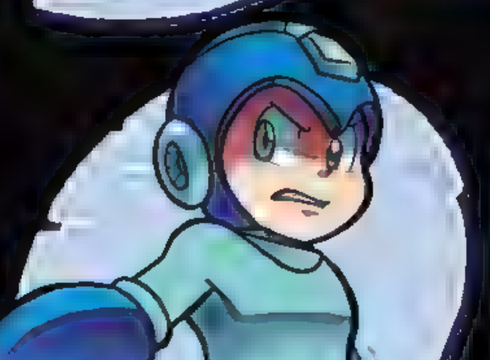
THE BLUE BLUR



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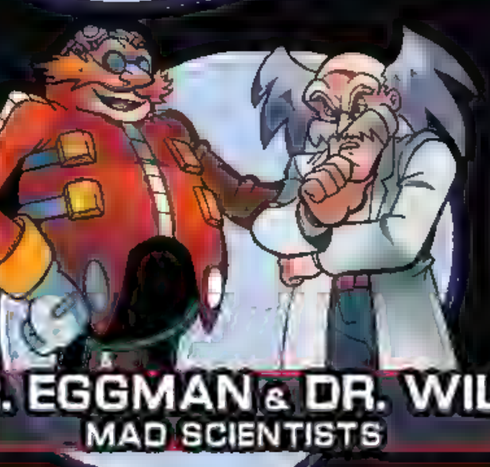

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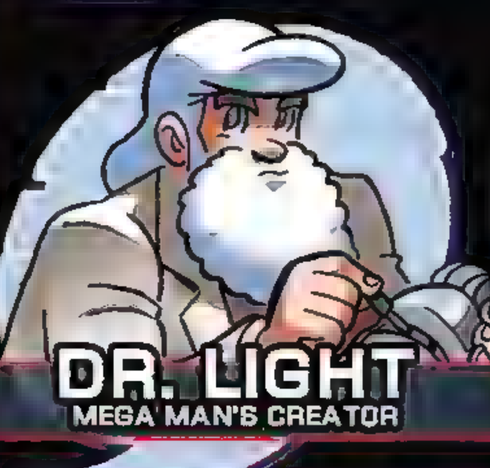

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SURRENDER.
I DON'T WANT TO DESTROY YOU, BUT MY FRIENDS HERE ARE A LITTLE OVER-PROTECTIVE.
MEGA MAN SUPER FIGHTING ROBOT WITH A FRESH BATCH OF REINFORCE-MENTS
EDDIE
RUSH
TANGO
PURSUIT SUCCESSFUL, DOCTORS. CONTINUING VIDEO TRANS-MISSION.
TAILS MAN ROBOTICIZED MASTER
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG SUPER SPEEDY HERO

UH-HUH. DUDE, SMASHING LITTLE ANIMAL-SHAPED ROBOTS IS KINDA MY THING, AND I KNOW YOU CAN'T FIRE THAT LEMON-SHOOTER WITHOUT THIS WHAT-CHAMACALLIT.*
*SONIC PARTIALLY DISASSEMBLED MEGA MAN'S MEGA BUSTER IN STH #248--IT WAS AWESOME! --EDITOR.
(MAN, WHAT A JERK!) I GAVE YOU A CHANCE. THANKS TO EDDIE, FIXING MY MEGA BUSTER IS NO PROBLEM.
♪!
WELLLLLL, CRUD.
AND THANKS TO MY OTHER FRIENDS, YOU'RE NO PROBLEM.
SO THAT'S HOW YOU WANT TO PLAY--AUHK!
...THAT'S MY MOVE!
BAM!

CUT THAT OUT!
LOOK CLOSE, ROBO-CAT, THIS IS HOW IT'S-- HEY!
TOO SLOW!
BLAM!
BLAM!
BLAM!
AT WHAT POINT...DID I LOSE... CONTROL HERE?
KRAOW!

ALL RIGHT-- TIME TO GET SERIOUS!
LOOK OUT! HE'S COMING RIGHT FOR--
GOOD BOY, RUSH!
THE DOG FLIES. OF *COURSE* THE DOG FLIES.

BUT CAN IT FLY AND KEEP UP WITH ME?
GET BACK HERE!
THERE'S NO REASON FOR ANY INNOCENT PEOPLE TO GET HURT!
LOOK WHO'S TALKIN', CAP'N TRIGGER-HAPPY!
THAT GEM YOUR BUDDIES STOLE FROM THE BANK ISN'T YOURS! JUST RETURN IT, AND I'LL CALL OFF THE CHASE!
I DIDN'T STEAL ANYTHING! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO KIDNAPPED MY FRIENDS!
I DIDN'T KIDNAP ANYONE!

ABOARD THE WILY EGG...

NO-NO-*NO!* THEY'RE *TALKING!* YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS!

THEY'RE GOING TO REALIZE METAL SONIC AND COPY ROBOT ARE TO BLAME, AND THAT'S GOING TO LEAD THEM RIGHT BACK TO US.

DR. WILY
EVIL GENIUS.
MEGA MAN'S NEMESIS

GOT ANY TWOS?

GO FISH.

Heh Heh

Heh Heh

DR. EGGMAN
EVIL GENIUS,
SONIC'S NEMESIS

AND WE'RE STILL ONE CHAOS EMERALD SHORT.

TAILS MAN! MOVE TO ENGAGE! DESTROY THEM BOTH!

ARE YOU CRAZY?! A DIRECT CONFLICT IS ONLY GOING TO CLUE THEM IN FASTER!

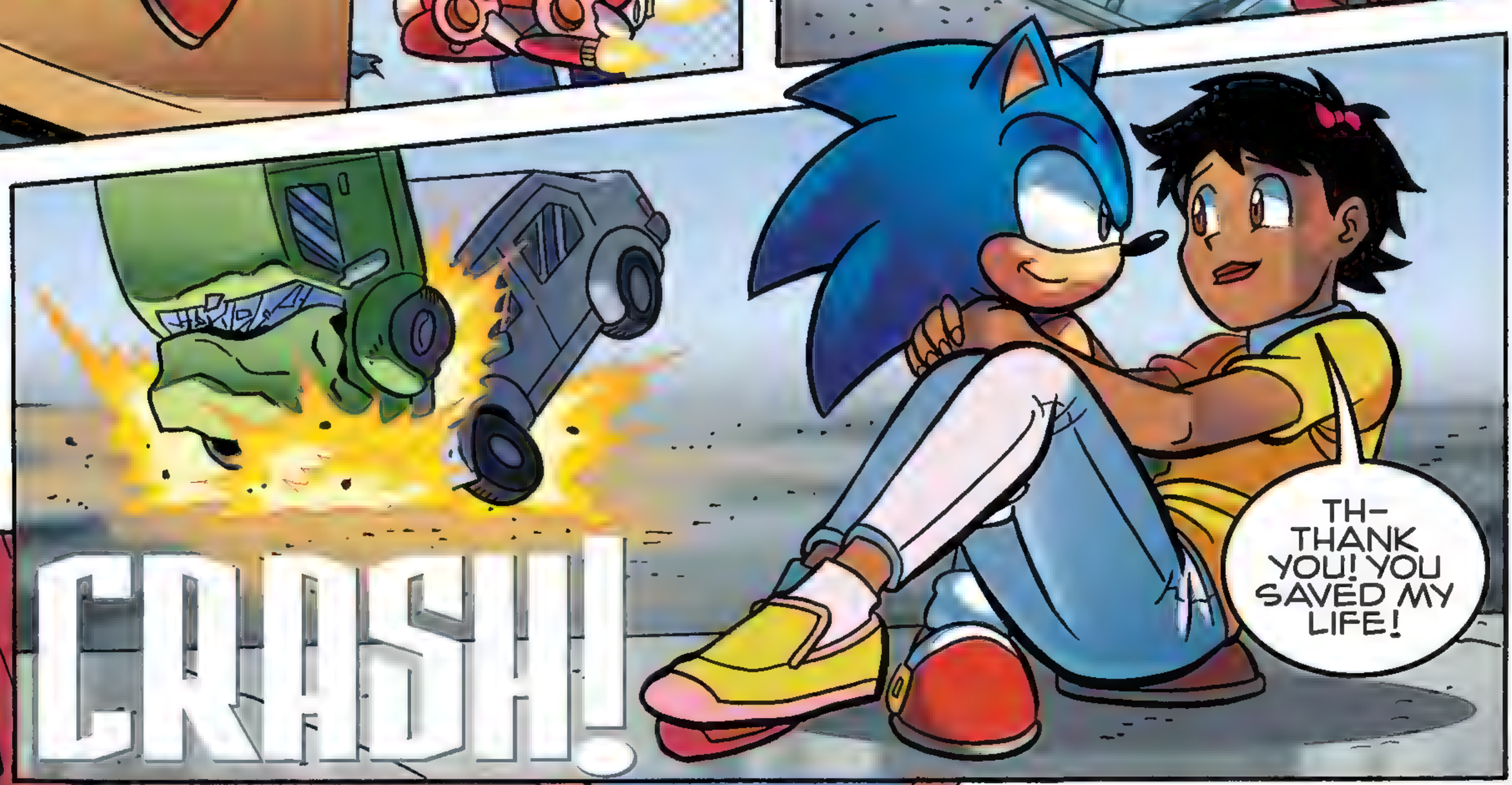
WE EITHER STRIKE NOW, WHILE THEY'RE WEAK FROM FIGHTING EACH OTHER, OR WE WAIT FOR THEM TO REGROUP...

...AND COME AFTER *US.*

TAILS MAN! BLOW THEM OFF THE MAP!

ACKNOWLEDGED.
AUGH!
YIPE!
WHAT THE-- TAILS ?!
WHOA!
THUNK!!

HELP!


CRASH!
TH-THANK YOU! YOU SAVED MY LIFE!

OOF! GOT YOU!

TRUCE FOR NOW SO WE CAN RESCUE PEOPLE. COOL? COOL!
YEAH ...OKAY. TRUCE.
BOOM!

DISTRACT HIM BEFORE HE RECHARGES! I NEED TIME TO BUILD A CHARGED SHOT!
I SAID "TRUCE", NOT "I'LL COVER YOU, SLOW-POKE".
MY CHARGED SHOT SEEMS TO DISABLE ROBOTS LIKE HIM!* BUT I'M NOT FAST ENOUGH TO--
YOU GOT THAT RIGHT. JUST REMEMBER WHICH ONE OF US YOU'RE AIMING FOR, KIDDO.
*SONIC UNIVERSE #51, "WORLDS COLLIDE" PART 2!
TAILS, IF THAT IS YOU, I'M SORRY.
NOW!
PNYOW!
CLANG!

KLANG!
THAT'S... NOT WHAT HAPPENED LAST TIME.
KZZZT
YOUR HITTING HIM DID SOME-THING NEW.
GLAD TO KNOW YOU'VE GOT THIS DOWN TO AN EXACT SCIENCE. NOW WHAT?
I'LL TRY TAKING HIS WEAPON DATA AND SEE IF THAT GIVES ME ANY ANSWERS
"WEAPON DATA"...? NO, THAT DOESN'T SOUND BACK-STABBY AT ALL.
WELL, UNLESS YOU HAVE A BETTER IDEA...
FWASH
THAT...
...WAS WEIRD...
MILES "TAILS" PROWER
SONIC'S BEST BUD

TAILS! IT *WAS* YOU IN THERE! SINCE WHEN WERE YOU A KILLER ROBOT?

ACK! IT'S NOT MY FAULT! I WAS KID-NAPPED!

BY THIS CRASH TEST DUMMY WITH AN ATTITUDE?

NO! BY METAL SONIC AND SOME OTHER ROBOT...

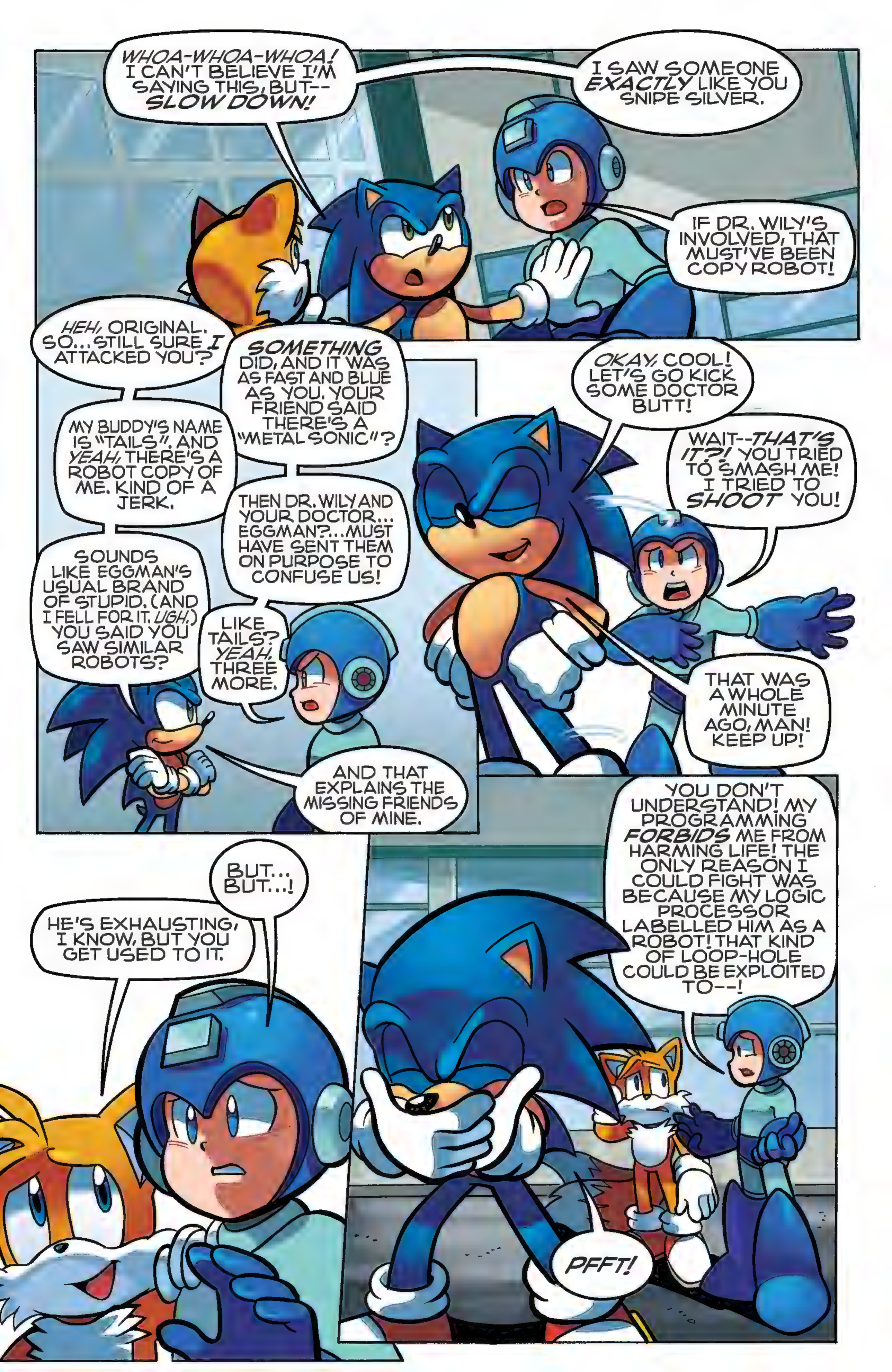
...THAT LOOKS A *LITTLE* LIKE THIS GUY, BUT ALL BLACK AND GOLD. WITH BIG FINS ON HIS HELMET.

...BASS?!

THEY TOOK ME TO SOME STRANGE LAB RUN BY DR. EGGMAN AND ANOTHER SCIENTIST I'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE. EGGMAN CALLED HIM... "ALBERT", I THINK?

WILY! DOCTOR ALBERT W. WILY!

I'VE BEEN FIGHTING HIM FOR YEARS! SO ...*WAIT.* I THOUGHT YOU WERE WORKING FOR *HIM*, BUT...


WHOA-WHOA-WHOA! I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M SAYING THIS, BUT-- SLOW DOWN!
I SAW SOMEONE EXACTLY LIKE YOU SNIPE SILVER.
IF DR. WILY'S INVOLVED, THAT MUST'VE BEEN COPY ROBOT!
HEH, ORIGINAL. SO...STILL SURE I ATTACKED YOU?
SOMETHING DID, AND IT WAS AS FAST AND BLUE AS YOU. YOUR FRIEND SAID THERE'S A "METAL SONIC"?
MY BUDDY'S NAME IS "TAILS", AND YEAH, THERE'S A ROBOT COPY OF ME. KIND OF A JERK.
THEN DR. WILY AND YOUR DOCTOR... EGGMAN?...MUST HAVE SENT THEM ON PURPOSE TO CONFUSE US!
SOUNDS LIKE EGGMAN'S USUAL BRAND OF STUPID. (AND I FELL FOR IT. UGH.) YOU SAID YOU SAW SIMILAR ROBOTS?
LIKE TAILS? YEAH. THREE MORE.
AND THAT EXPLAINS THE MISSING FRIENDS OF MINE.
OKAY, COOL! LET'S GO KICK SOME DOCTOR BUTT!
WAIT--THAT'S IT?! YOU TRIED TO SMASH ME! I TRIED TO SHOOT YOU!
THAT WAS A WHOLE MINUTE AGO, MAN! KEEP UP!
BUT... BUT...!
HE'S EXHAUSTING, I KNOW, BUT YOU GET USED TO IT.
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! MY PROGRAMMING FORBIDS ME FROM HARMING LIFE! THE ONLY REASON I COULD FIGHT WAS BECAUSE MY LOGIC PROCESSOR LABELLED HIM AS A ROBOT! THAT KIND OF LOOP-HOLE COULD BE EXPLOITED TO--!
PFFT!

YOU THOUGHT I WAS A ROBOT ...? THE FUR, FLESH, AND WHOLE BREATHING THING DIDN'T GIVE IT AWAY?
I--I'M SORRY. MY SCANS SAID YOU SEEMED ORGANIC, BUT I THOUGHT YOU HAD TO BE A MACHINE.
NOTHING ALIVE IS THAT AMAZINGLY FAST...
EH, EASY MISTAKE. I AM AMAZING. YOU HELPED ME SAVE TAILS. I'D CALL US EVEN. COOL?
COOL. I'M MEGA MAN. I HOPE I DIDN'T HURT YOU TOO BAD.
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG. AND NAH, NO HARM DONE. BUT YOU ARE A TOUGH 'BOT.
(YOU ARE A ROBOT, RIGHT?)
HAHA--YEAH! YOU'RE PRETTY IMPRESSIVE YOURSELF.
SO DOC EGGMAN IS UP TO SOMETHING YET AGAIN, HUH?
SOMETHING BIG. I DON'T REMEMBER MUCH, JUST THAT I WAS TURNED INTO A "ROBOT MASTER".
MORE LIKE "ROBOTICIZED MASTER". ANY IDEA WHERE HE AND THIS WILY GUY ARE HIDING?
NO, BUT IF DR. LIGHT HAS ANY DATA ON THE PORTALS HE WAS USING...
YES! WE CAN TRY TRACKING IT TO WHERE THE DOCTORS ARE HIDING!
ALL RIGHT!
WE'VE SETTLED ALL THAT NOISE.
LET'S GET TO KICKING MAD SCIENTIST BUTT! WHICH WAY TO YOUR LAB?
WE'LL TAKE THE MOST DIRECT ROUTE.

LIGHT LABS...
BOOWIP!
I...I NEVER WANT TO DO THAT AGAIN...
SORRY! TELEPORTING WORKS FINE ON PEOPLE. DOCTOR LIGHT PERFECTED THAT YEARS AGO. BUT I GUESS YOU'RE NOT LIKE MOST...
ER, ANYWAY, I LANDED US OUTSIDE SO I COULD INTRODUCE YOU SLOWLY.
IF ALL DOCTOR LIGHT SAW WAS US FIGHTING, HE MIGHT BE NERVOUS SEEING YOU HERE, Y'KNOW?
I SENT EDDIE ALONG HOME EARLIER, BUT SINCE HE CAN'T TALK...
DO YOU SMELL SMOKE?
THE LAB! DOCTOR LIGHT!
BLAM!
FWASH
AUTO AND ROLL
LIGHT LABS ASSISTANTS
PROTO MAN
HEROIC BROTHER OF MEGA MAN
BASS AND METAL SONIC
VICIOUS HENCHMEN

BLAM!
PUT HIM DOWN!
TOO SLOW, BRAT.
FWASH
IS EVERY-ONE ALL RIGHT?
YES! PROTO MAN PRO-TECTED US!
BUT THEY CAME OUT OF NO-WHERE, WITH NO WARNING, AND...
...AND...
...YEEAAH, I'M GONNA HAVE TO EXPLAIN A FEW THINGS...

A FEW EXPLAINED THINGS LATER...

...OUR HEROES BEGIN THE SEARCH FOR DR. LIGHT...

DOCTOR LIGHT WAS WORKING ON A WAY TO REPLICATE THE PORTAL ENERGY HERE IN THE LAB. HE WAS CLOSE TO FINISHING WHEN WE WERE ATTACKED.

THE FREQUENCY WAS DIFFERENT FROM THE ATTACK THIS MORNING.* YOU CAN SEE THE VARIANCES HERE AND HERE.

MM-HMM. THEY'RE NOT THAT FAR OFF FROM EACH OTHER. IT LOOKS LIKE THE PORTALS ARE ORIGINATING FROM A THIRD POINT.

THESE PROPERTIES REMIND ME OF THE SPECIAL ZONE A *LOT*...

*SEE MEGA MAN #24 AND SONIC UNIVERSE #51.--EDITOR.

YOU *COULD* HELP, Y'KNOW.

TAILS IS THE COMPUTER GUY, NOT ME.

ONCE HE'S GOT THINGS FIGURED OUT, THEN I'LL DO MY THING. JUST WAIT A BIT.

WE DON'T HAVE "A BIT". MY DAD'S IN DANGER! AND I'M STUCK HERE SWEEPING!

AND LIKE I SAID, WE'LL SAVE HIM! RELAX!

IF IT WAS *YOUR* DAD, WOULD YOU--?

UHHH... GUYS?

I THINK I FOUND IT.

FINALLY! LET'S GO!

LAUNCHING PORTAL INTO THE UNKNOWN ORIGIN IN THREE...TWO ...ONE...

FWASH!

THAT LOOKS DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHERS.
WELL, I STABILIZED IT A BIT MORE WITH A FEW CALCULATIONS OF MY OWN.

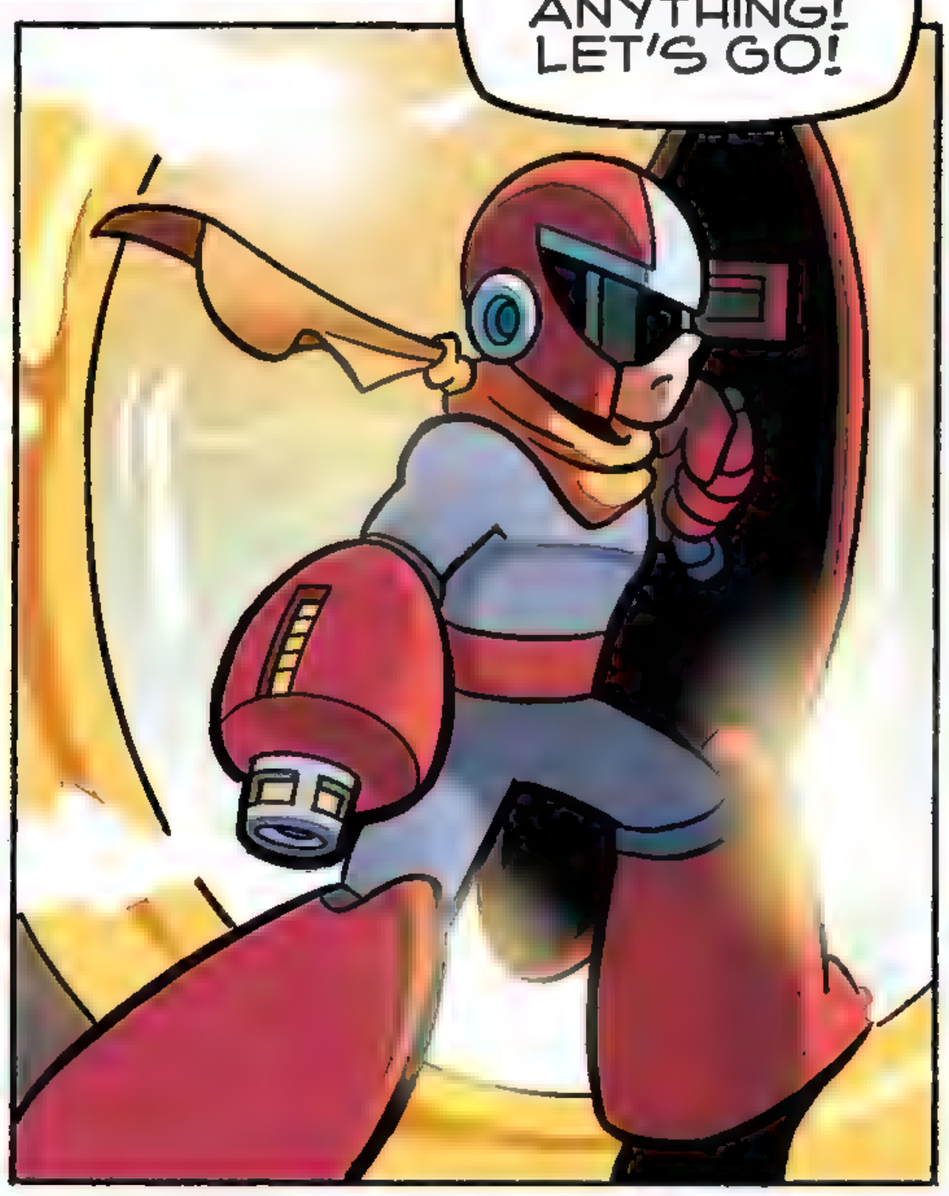
THANKS, TAILS. NOW, I'M GOING AFTER DOCTOR LIGHT!
WE ARE GOING AFTER DR. LIGHT.
IT'S *MY* FATHER THEY TOOK. IT'S MY FIGHT.
WE GO TOGETHER. BESIDES, IT'LL BE *FUN* TO *SAVE* A DOCTOR FOR ONCE.

WHERE SONIC GOES, I GO.
THANK YOU... BOTH OF YOU.
WOULDN'T HAVE IT ANY OTHER WAY.

I'M COMING, TOO, AND IT WOULD BE WISE TO BRING RUSH AS WELL.
WHO WILL PROTECT THE LAB?
WE'RE ON GUARD THIS TIME! WE'VE GOT TANGO AND BEAT HERE...
...AND I'M SURE DUO IS ON THE WAY. GO! WE'LL BE FINE!
DUO?
A FRIEND. A *POWERFUL* FRIEND.

ALL RIGHT, GUYS--THIS IS IT! ARE WE READY?

WE'RE READY FOR ANYTHING! LET'S GO!



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Sonic the Hedgehog and Mega Man™ have finally come together for the first time EVER in the twelve-part crossover epic event called "WORLDS COLLIDE."

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So, fellow light-brigadiers, please place your right hand on this comic book and repeat after me:

I, _____, do solemnly
(your name)
swear, to spread the word of the Sonic/Mega Man crossover, until everyone in the entire world knows of the awesomeness that is "Worlds Collide," or until Dr. Eggman and Dr. Wily take over the world with their dastardly schemes and outlaw reading.

HEY KIDS! THINK YOU CAN MAKE THE **CUT**? YOU'LL LOOK SO **SHARP** WITH YOUR OFFICIAL LIGHT BRIGADE BADGE!

— SHORT CIRCUITS —

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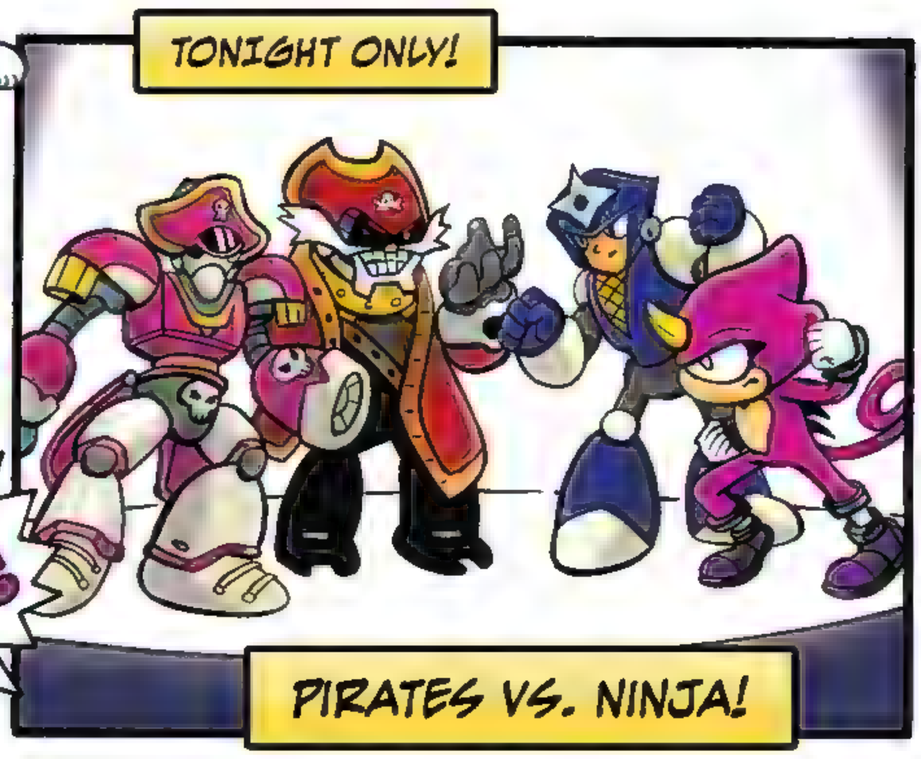

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Dear Mega-Mail,
Mega Man issue 23! Blues! FINALLY! I'm glad the first meeting between the two brothers was as exciting as I expected!

Pretty sweet right? But keep your voice down, Rock still doesn't know it's his brother beneath the helmet! Of course, with Eggman and Wily messing with space/time, it seems like he DOES know...ok now my head hurts.

It's funny to see Auto doting on Rock so much. The Mega Man T-shirt was a nice touch also.

Auto is not only a great asset to Light Labs, but is also Rock's number one fanbot!

It was good to see Rock be so humble before his media blitz, but couldn't Roll have been just a tiny bit jealous?

Roll is a bright and sweet sister to Rock, and is always supportive of him. She can't be jealous because she's so proud of him!

But the real star of this issue was obviously Blues. I loved his eerie silence throughout most of the issue. I really like his clenched fist on page 4 as Dr. Wily is needling him. That one panel speaks volumes. He was just like in the video games! Blues shows up suddenly, tussles with Rock a little, and takes off without saying anything. Thanks for bringing one of my childhood memories to life! I can't wait to see how it all plays out!

Jonathan G.
Sent to MegaMan@ArchieComics.com

Thanks for writing in, Jonathan! Blues tends to let his actions do the talking. I think he made his point clear to Mega Man, but now what will he do? Keep reading to find out, and enjoy Blues' appearance as Proto Man during the Sonic and Mega Man Worlds Collide story!

Dear Mega-Mail,
I'm really enjoying the series a lot and have fun reading each issue. I'm looking forward to the "World's Collide" arc, seeing my two favorite game series together. The two blue heroes and their friends fighting side by side, I'm excited just thinking about it.

Hope you're enjoying the story so far! As you've read, Sonic and Mega Man have gotten off to a rocky start, but both are beginning to understand who the real threat is!

The new characters in the Mega Man comic are really cool too. I'm really liking Tempo, she has that type of charm to me, and Detective Gil as well. He look's very familiar to me. Possably from another Capcom game?

We love Tempo! She still has some adjusting to go through but keep an eye out for her in future stories! Gil is fresh from the comics with a great design from artist Ben Bates who drew (ha!) from several different inspirational sources!

...There is one more thing I want to ask. Is it just me, or is the bow in Roll's hair getting bigger? Well, I'd better stop rambling now. Looking forward to the next issue.

Jess V.
British Columbia, Canada
Sent to MegaMan@ArchieComics.com

Thanks for the letter, Jess! It is said that the bow has been strategically programmed by Dr. Light to change size in different weather conditions! (hey, he gave them robot hair - why not meteorologically-attuned accessories?)

That's all for this month, but remember to write in to MegaMan@ArchieComics.com for a chance to have your letters printed in upcoming issues of Mega Man! See ya back here next time for more MEGA-ACTION!

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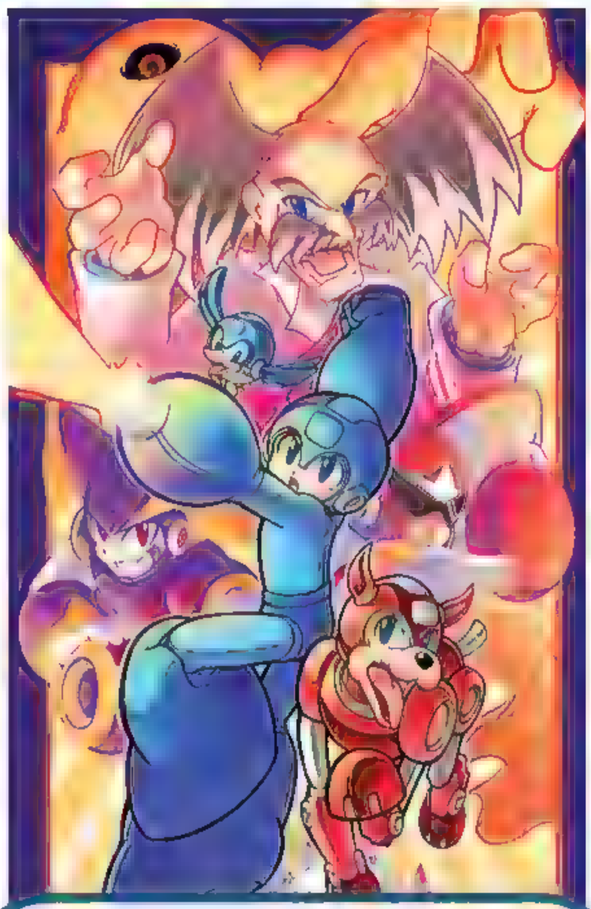

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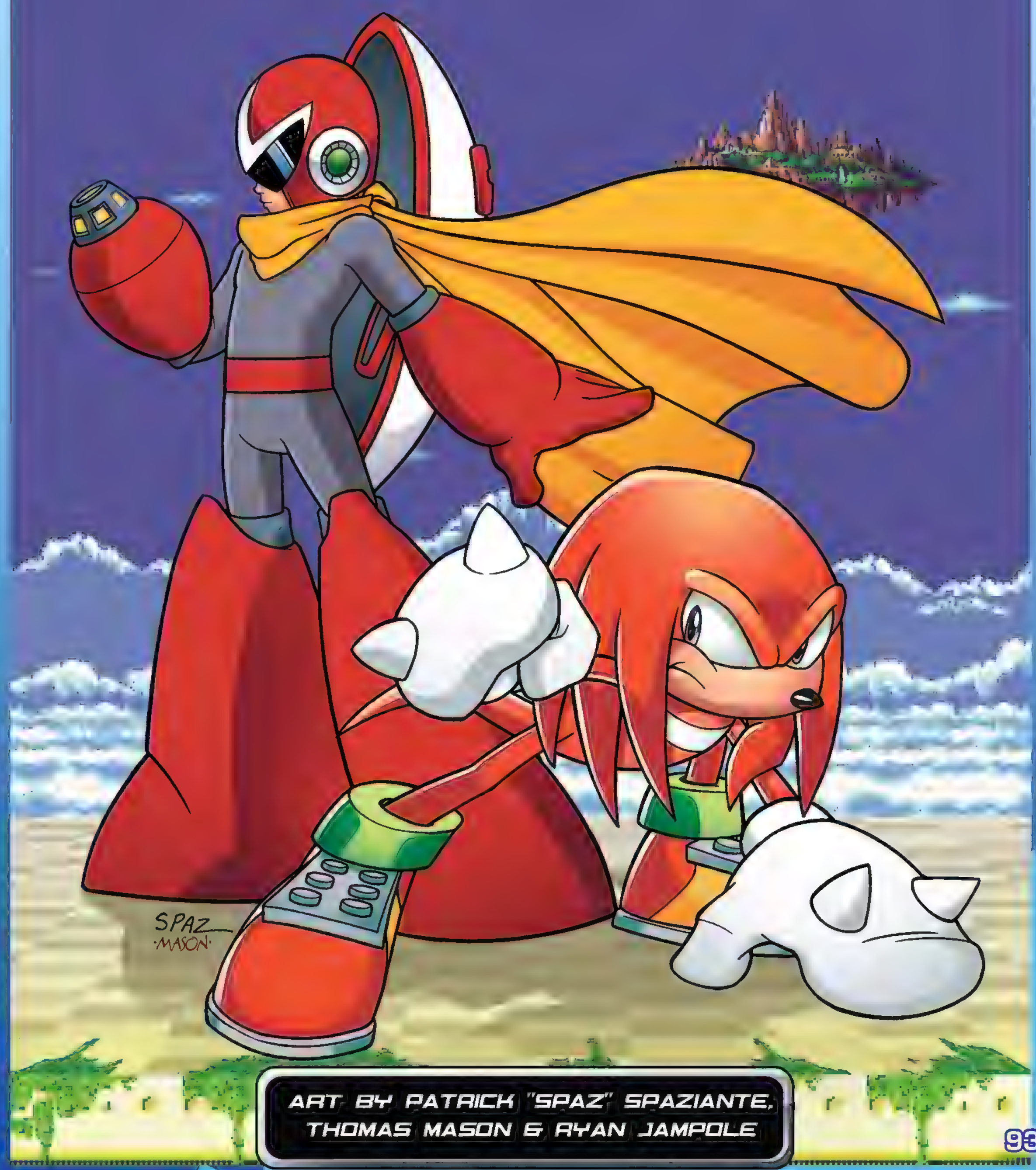

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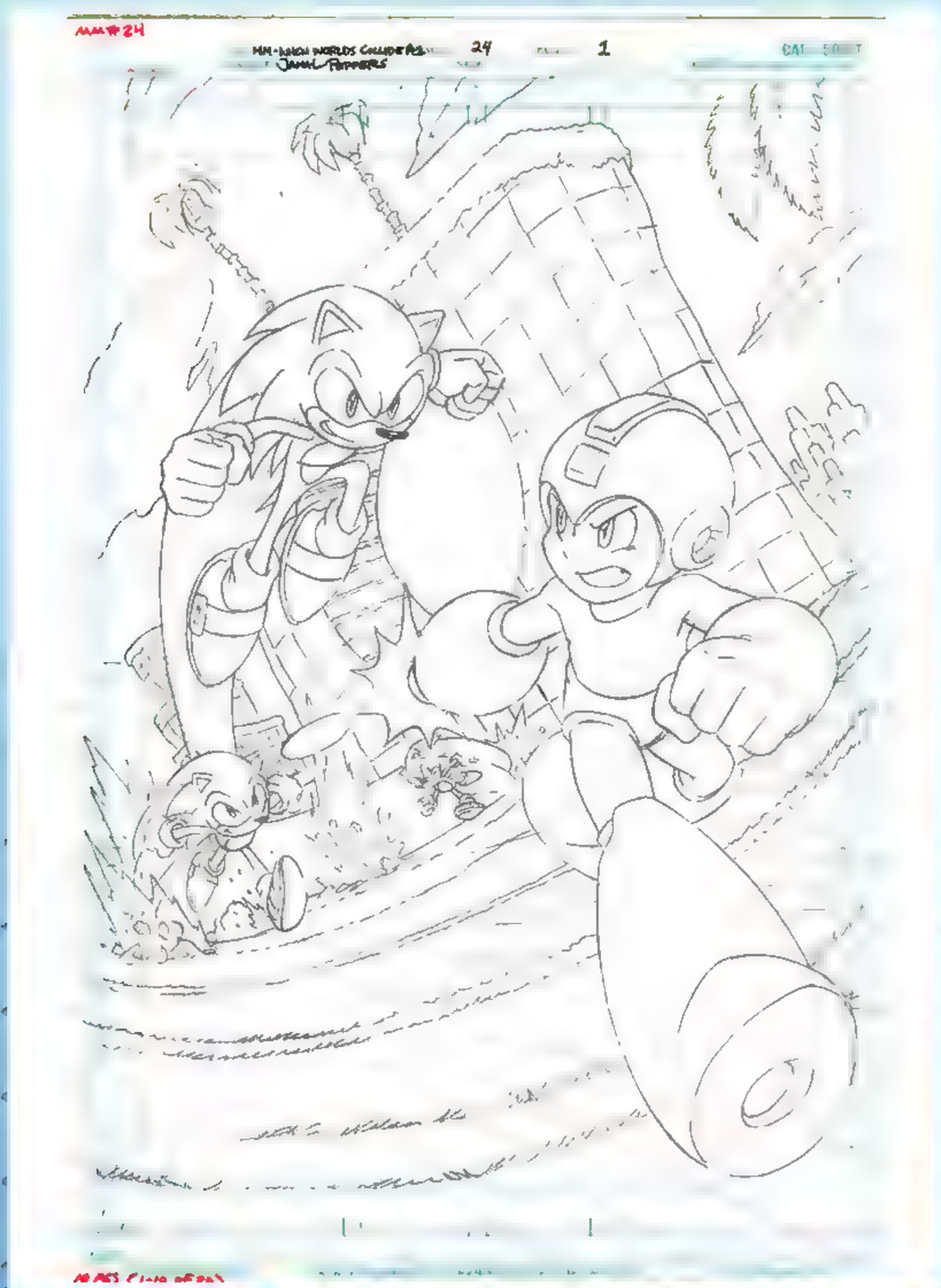

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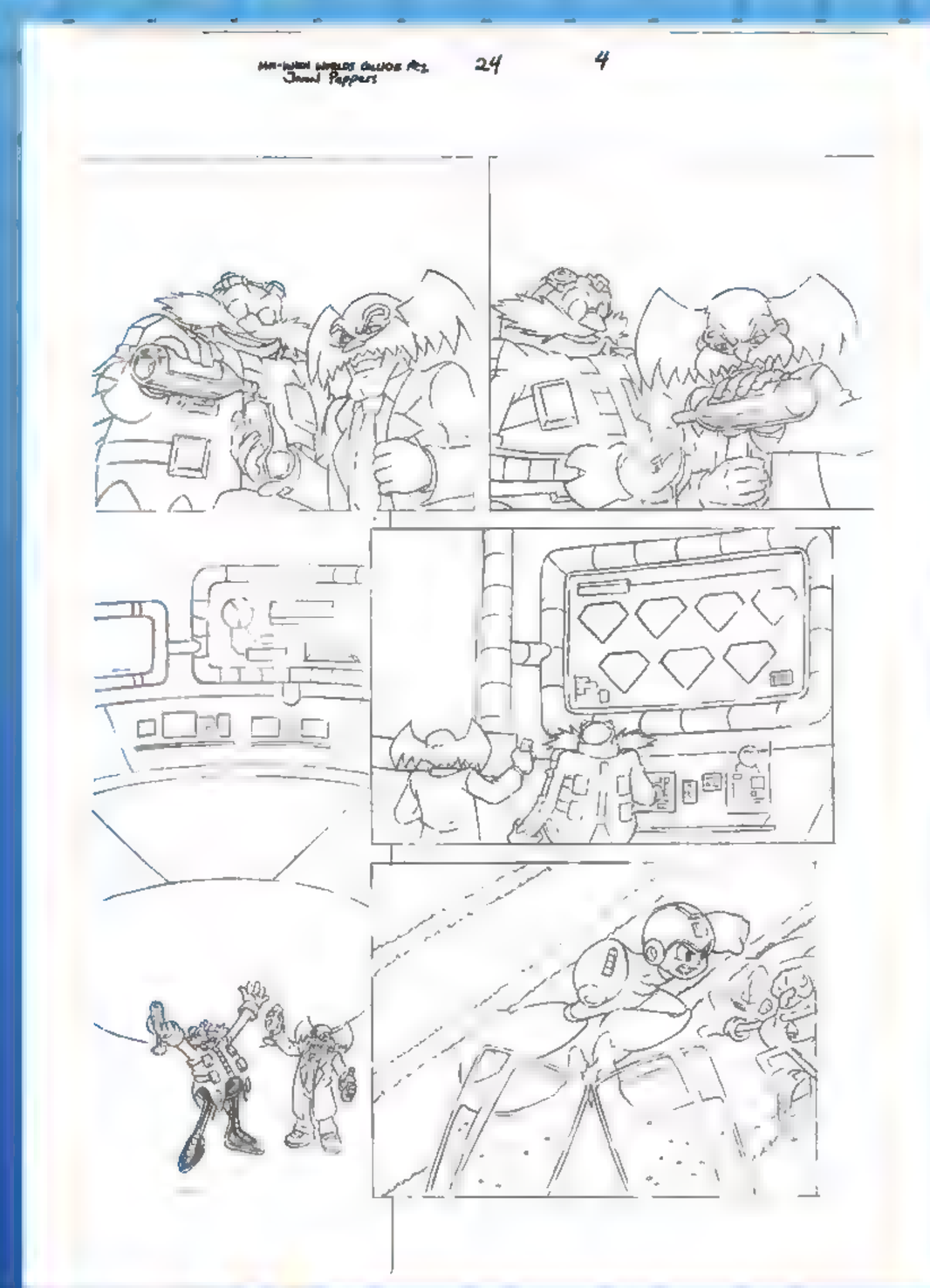

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FROM MEGA MAN 24 BY IAN FLYNN

PAGE ONE

SPLASH PANEL - Green Hill Zone - Exterior - Day. The familiar checkerboard earth and green, grassy, rolling hills spread out in all directions. Natural loop-de-loop rock formations overlook the coast. It's a bright, sun-shiny day.

SONIC comes racing towards MEGA MAN, weaving between laser-fire and smiling ferociously. MEGA MAN is running towards us but is half-turned, shooting back at SONIC with his arm-canon. MEGA MAN looks a little worried.

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(A) TEXT BOX
Green Hill Zone, Sonic's World

(B) TEXT BOX
Now

(1) SONIC
Is that all you got, blue boy!

(2) MEGA MAN
Not on your life, pincushion!

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PAGE TWO

PANLE 1 - MEGA MAN slides under the cover of a floating platform, like a baseball runner sliding into base. The floating platform is made of the same checkerboard earth and topped with grass like the rest of the area. SONIC narrowly misses MEGA MAN, crashing into the side of the platform in a SPIN DASH BALL.

(1) MEGA MAN (thought balloon)
This thing would give Quick Man a run for his money!

PANEL 2 - MEGA MAN lies on his back and fires his BUSTER at the platform, blowing it up and sending SONIC flying. SONIC goes wide-eyed as the BUSTER SHOT narrowly misses him and the platform explodes under/around him.

PANEL 3 - SONIC lands on all fours in a deep crouch, dragging the back of his hand across his mouth. SONIC grimaces, but smiles - pleased with the challenge. Bit of the exploded platform rain down around him.

(2) SONIC
Not bad. Seen better, but not bad.

PANEL 4 - SONIC crashes into MEGA MAN as a SPIN DASH BALL, hitting him squarely. MEGA MAN is thrown off his feet.

(3) SONIC
I'm still faster!

(4) MEGA MAN
AIIIII!

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PAGE THREE

PANEL 1 - MEGA MAN swings his fist, back-handing SONIC and sending him flying. SONIC is startled by the hit.

(1) SONIC / MEGA MAN (joint thought balloon)
This guy can take a hit!

PANEL 2 - High angle shot. TAILS MAN hovers in the air, looking down at the fight. We see MEGA MAN is firing after SONIC, shots making a circle in his wake. SONIC runs around MEGA MAN, narrowly avoiding the attacks.

PANEL 3 - Focus on TAILS MAN, his eyes glowing brightly.

(2) TAILS MAN (static tail)
Are you receiving this, masters?

(3) DR. WILY (static balloon, no tail)
Every glorious second, Tails Man...

PANEL 4 - Largest panel on the page. Wily Egg - Command Deck - Interior. We're aboard a flying fortress designed by DRS. EGGMAN and WILY. As such there's a clash in the decor - smooth, ergonomic walls but with thick tube trimming. An oval-shaped sliding door on one wall, a dropping shutter door on the other.

A massive computer screen depicts the battle in GREEN HILL ZONE from TAILS MAN's perspective. SONIC is leaping over MEGA MAN's head. MEGA MAN is shooting after him, his shots trailing in an arc. The screen is rimmed with thick tube trimming. The corners are marked with the EGGMAN EMPIRE INSIGNIA and the DR. WILY LOGO in opposite corners.

DR. EGGMAN and DR. WILY have linked arms and are dancing / trotting in a circle, merrily laughing while holding up champagne flutes.

(4) EGGMAN / WILY (joint burst balloon)
..and we are *LOVING IT!*

PANEL 5 - We sit on DR. WILY's shoulder as he watches the battle unfold, cheering. SONIC does a sliding tackle, knocking MEGA MAN off his feet.

(5) DR. WILY
That's it, hedgehog! Turn him to scrap!

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PANEL 6 - Mirror shot - we sit on DR. EGGMAN's shoulder as he watches the fight and cheers. MEGA MAN has fallen to the ground, but shoots at SONIC. The shot grazes SONIC's behind, causing him to jump comically.

(6) DR. EGGMAN
Go, Mega Man, go! Exterminate the rodent!

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PAGE FOUR

PANEL 1 - DR. EGGMAN pours more champagne into DR. WILY's flute. The two of them are all smiles. DR. WILY puffs out his chest, thumb hooked in the lapel of his lab coat, basking in the praise.

(1) DR. EGGMAN
Congratulations on a plan coming together so well, doctor!

PANEL 2 - DR. WILY pours more champagne for DR. EGGMAN. DR. EGGMAN beams, twirling his mustache and taking his turn to enjoy the praise.

(2) DR. WILY
It's all falling into place better than I dared dream, doctor!

PANEL 3 - High angle shot, pulled back to show the size of the room. DR. EGGMAN holds out his arms to the place, praising it. DR. WILY holds up his glass in a toast.

(3) DR. EGGMAN
Quite so! Here's to our glorious battle station!

(4) DR. WILY
Here here!

PANEL 4 - DR. WILY gestures to a smaller screen to the side of the larger one. There are seven silhouettes for the CHAOS EMERALDS, five of which are filled in with the appropriate color.

- Red
- Yellow
- Green - Missing
- Dark Blue
- Light Blue
- Purple
- White (Grey) - Missing

(5) DR. WILY
Here's to our minions' mission being nearly complete!

(6) DR. EGGMAN
Here here!

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PANEL 5 - DRS. EGGMAN and WILY take the foreground, smiling wickedly as they bow to each other and toast their glasses. In the background, we see SONIC and MEGA MAN leaping into battle towards each other. MEGA MAN should be the more prominent of the two.

(7) DR. EGGMAN
Here's to the best partnership we never saw coming...

(8) DR. WILY
..and to the mutual destruction of our nemeses!

(9) EGGMAN / WILY (joint balloon)
Cheers!

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PRELUDE TO WORLDS COLLIDE
FREE COMIC BOOK DAY 2013

FINAL COVER ART BY BEN BATES - MEGA MAN SIDE

In 2013, one of those special free releases was a prelude book for the Sonic and Mega Man crossover event!

COVER PROCESS

SKETCH OPTION 1

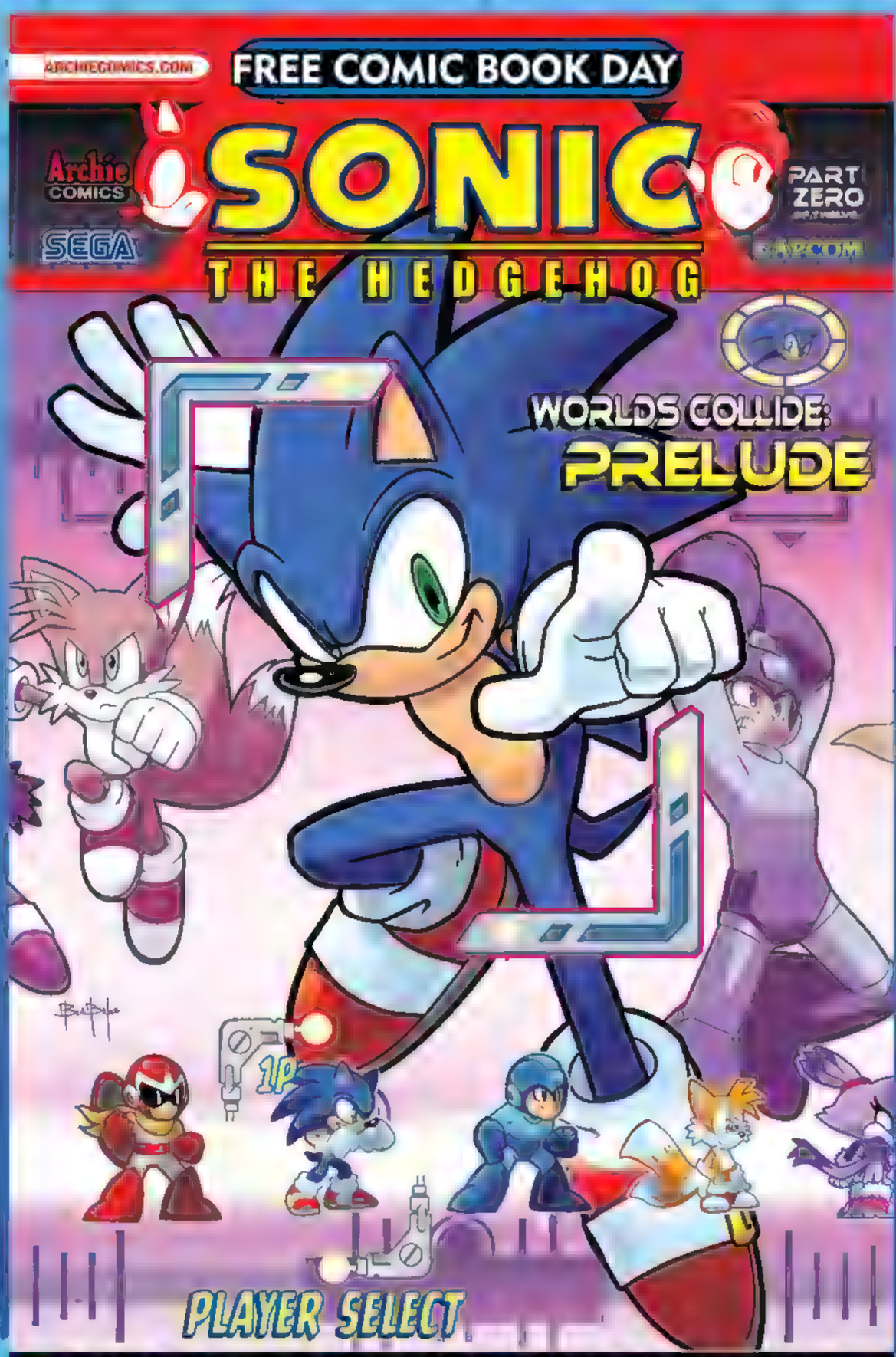
SKETCH OPTION 2

COVER PROCESS

ORIGINAL SKETCH

WORK IN PROGRESS

Every year, comic stores around the country host "Free Comic Book Day", a day where publishers and comic stores celebrate comic books with special, FREE comic releases!



FINAL COVER ART BY BEN BATES - SONIC SIDE

PRELUDE TO WORLDS COLLIDE
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MEGA MAN™ 23

Mega Man's birthday celebration was interrupted by an attack from the mysterious Break Man, who, unbeknownst to our hero, is really his long-lost sibling, BLUES! As brother battled brother, it appeared as though Break Man finally had the upper hand, until a strange white light enveloped Mega Man's world!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 247

As the genesis wave struck, Sonic the Hedgehog had just rescued the roboticized Princess Sally Acorn from the clutches of Dr. Eggman. Deep in the arctic aboard the dreaded Death Egg Mark 2, Sonic and his friends were about to continue onward when a strange white light enveloped their world!

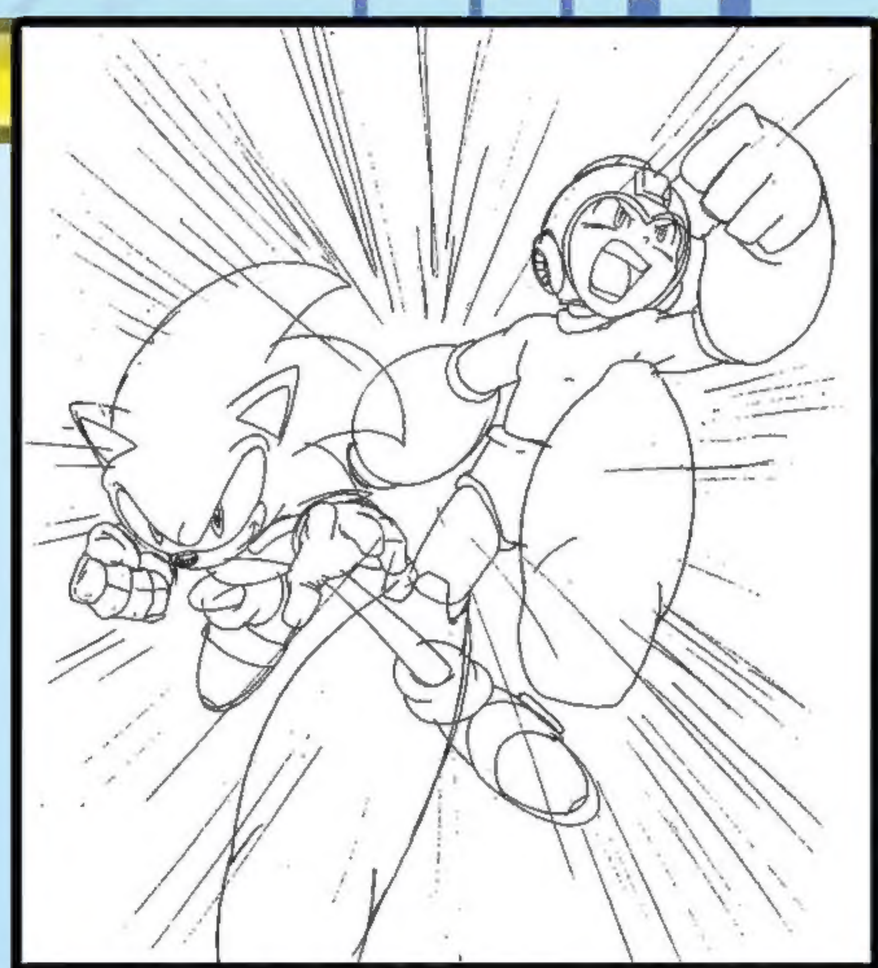
SONIC UNIVERSE 50

Dr. Eggman had just programmed his evil enforcer robot METAL SONIC to destroy the freedom-fighting robot known as SHARD! Metal Sonic fought Shard to a draw, and Dr. Eggman was impressed with the vengeance shown by the vicious blue 'bot! So much so, that Eggman hatched a plan that would pair Metal Sonic with his new best friend's robotic enforcer known as BASS!

ORIGINS OF A CROSSOVER

BY PATRICK SPAZIANTE

The idea of a Sonic the Hedgehog and Mega Man crossover event actually came up back in 2004 when I was ending my short lived (one issue) run on the Mega Man comic book that had been developed by one of our esteemed competitors. That company wound up letting the Mega Man license go after only a few issues. Mike Pellerito, the then Sonic Editor and current President of Archie, and I had bounced around the idea of a possible crossover between Sonic and Mega Man. Unfortunately, the timing just wasn't right and we were forced to wait for the license until some time later.



THE BLUR & THE BOMBER!

The very first full-body concept sketch for "WORLDS COLLIDE"

TWO UNIVERSES, ONE CAST!

The next step in concept art saw the pairing of various characters from throughout the Sonic and Mega Man™ universes.

PROTO MAN & KNUCKLES

BASS & SHADOW

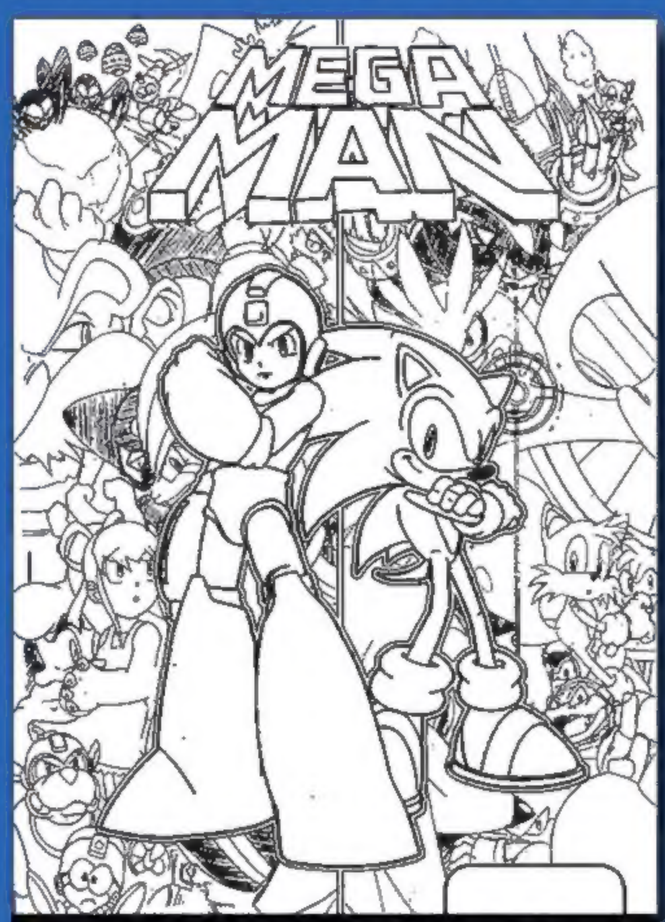
Fast forward to seven years later in the late summer/early autumn of 2011. Archie had acquired the license to Mega Man comics earlier that year, and although it seemed far fetched, a crossover between blue heroes was buzzing in the fan community from day one. When I got the call that the crossover was actually happening, it seemed surreal. There was a strange mixture of disbelief and excitement!

The only real carry-over from those talks in 2004 was a simple "Helmet & Shoes" teaser image. From there, Mike and I had discussed basic images of the characters interacting with each other, for example, Mega Man and Sonic, just to get the idea out to the fans. We wound up doing just that, and released the teaser image along with a companion piece featuring Knuckles' glove and Proto Man's helmet when the big announcement was made in USA Today just prior to San Diego Comic Con 2012!

HELMET & SHOES!

The first image conceived as a teaser to promote the crossover event!

MEGA MAN™ #24 COVER PROCESS -- ART BY PATRICK SPAZIANTE



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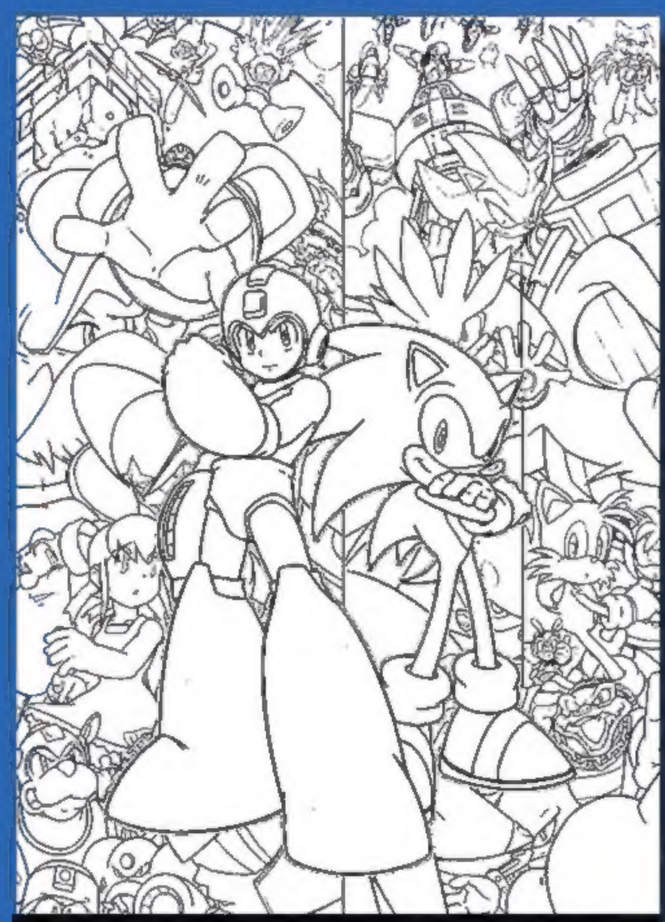

APPROVED LINE ART

FINISHED COLOR ART

MEGA MAN™ 24's COVER: When it came time for that first issue's cover, Paul (Kaminski - current editor on Sonic and Mega Man™), wanted a big bold image. I had been kicking around several ideas from when he had told me the crossover was happening and what we settled on was a sprawling character shot of everyone we could cram on the page! If the fans wanted to see these two franchises collide, that's exactly what they were gonna get!

SONIC UNIVERSE 51's COVER: That idea was actually all Paul! He really wanted an iconic image that the fans could identify with. As soon as he brought up the idea of doing a video game "select screen" to me, I knew it would be a hit with the hardcore fans especially. We decided from there to choose one of the most popular "VS." type fighting games, hoping that fans of that game would take notice. In the end, the campaign worked, as many fans were discussing the possibilities of a Sonic/Mega Man crossover, just from putting them in the context of a "VS." game select screen.

SONIC UNIVERSE #51 COVER PROCESS -- ART BY PATRICK SPAZIANTE

ORIGINAL DESIGN

REVISED FINAL ART

RIVALS COLLIDE!

A companion piece to the "helmet and shoes" drawing, featuring Proto Man's helmet and Knuckles' gloves

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #248

The last opportunity on a cover to showcase the two lead characters squaring off in combat

ORIGINAL SKETCH BY PATRICK SPAZIANTE

FINAL ART WITH COLORS BY MATT HERMS

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 248's COVER: This one came out of a discussion we had saying "we haven't seen Sonic and Mega Man actually fight each other on a cover yet" (and since they become allies in the very next issue, we had a time limit on when we could do this kind of cover). I was hopeful this would strike a chord with the fans.

MEGA MAN™ 25's COVER: Paul and I had discussed a classic match-up style image in the vein of the old Marvel and DC Comics, and thought it would be a fun idea to have the opposing factions running at each other with the superstars of each franchise prominently displated in the scene. The only problem was that this was Mega Man's 25th issue, and that meant we needed to do something inherently special for the Mega Man franchise on this one (especially considering this was the title's first "milestone" cover). What we decided to do was a gatefold cover, where Mega Man's "side" would be on the cover facing out and the Sonic side was on the cover facing in. This gave Mega Man the main spotlight without short-changing the Sonic side of things. That idea would be later used for the cover of Sonic #250 later in the crossover, but that's a story for another graphic novel!

MEGA MAN™ #25

A gatefold cover was decided-on to pay homage to the 25th issue of the Mega Man comics!

ORIGINAL SKETCH BY PATRICK SPAZIANTE

As a closing note, the fans have been nothing but golden, especially with these crossover issues, in supporting both the Sonic and Mega Man comics. They are the true-life blood of this industry, and their support through over twenty years of Sonic comics, and more recently for Mega Man, has been an inspiration to me, as a humble contributor to these great franchises!

Thanks to everyone out there for picking these up, and I'll see all of you when we come back in the next graphic novel! ■

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